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# RESUME

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## SUMMONING

The Punjab Legislative Assembly was summoned to meet for its Budget Session on the 8th of March, 1954, by an order of the Governor, dated the 17th February, 1954, and continued to meet till the 2nd of April, 1954, holding in all 21 meetings. This Session was prorogued by an order, dated the 10th April, 1954.

It met again on the 17th of May, 1954, under an order, dated the 5th of May, 1954 and concluded its sittings on the 21st of May, 1954, having held 5 sittings and was prorogued by an order, dated the 25th May, 1954.

## GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

The Governor addressed both the Houses assembled together on Monday, the 8th of March, 1954, at 2.00 p.m.

The motion of thanks on the Address delivered by him was moved and seconded on the 10th of March, 1954, which was discussed on the 10th and 11th March, 1954. Twenty-two Members took part in the discussion, ten from the Opposition and 12 from the Treasury Benches.

Seventeen amendments were proposed to the Motion, some at the time of voting were withdrawn and others were negatived. The Motion was carried on the 11th March, 1954 and communicated to the Governor by the Speaker the same day.

## PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

The Speaker nominated the following Members to serve on the panel of Chairmen under Rule 11 :—

### BUDGET SESSION

(1) Shrimati Shanno Devi.

(2) Sardar Harkishan Singh Surjit.

(3) Rao Gajraj Singh.

(4) Shri D. D. Puri.

### MAY SESSION

(1) Shrimati Dr. Parkash Kaur.

(2) Dewan Jagdish Chandra.

(3) Sardar Ajmer Singh.

(4) Shri Dev Raj Sethi.

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

The following were nominated under Rule 173 to serve on the House Committee:—

BUDGET SESSION

(1) Sardar Gurdial Singh Dhillon, Deputy Speaker. (*Ex-Officio Chairman*)

(2) Shri Kedar Nath Saigal.

(3) Shrimati Shanno Devi.

(4) Sardar Achhar Singh Chhina.

MAY SESSION.

(1) Ch. Sarup Singh, Deputy Speaker (*Ex-Officio Chairman*).

(2) Ch. Sri Chand.

(3) Sardar Partap Singh, Ratta Khera.

(4) Bhagat Guran Dass Hans.

## LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The following were nominated under Rule 172-A to serve on the Library Committee:—

(1) Dewan Jagdish Chandra, M.L.A. (*Chairman*).

(2) Shri Rala Ram, M.L.A.

(3) Shrimati Shanno Devi, M.L.A.

(4) Sardar Ajmer Singh, M.L.A.

(5) Thakore Balwant Singh, M.L.A.

(6) Shri Mool Chand Jain, M.L.A.

## COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

Under Rule 177, the Speaker nominated the following to serve on this Committee:—

BUDGET SESSION.

(1) Sardar Gurdial Singh Dhillon, Deputy Speaker. (*Ex-Officio Chairman*).

(2) Sardar Wazir Singh, M.L.A.

(3) Shri Rizaq Ram, M.L.A.

(4) Rao Gajraj Singh, M.L.A.

(5) Shrimati Dr. Parkash Kaur, M.L.A.

MAY SESSION.

(1) Chaudhri Sarup Singh, Deputy Speaker (*Ex-Officio Chairman*).
(2) Dewan Jagdish Chandra, M.L.A.
(3) Shri Chand Ram Ahlawat, M.L.A.
(4) Sardar Darbara Singh, M.L.A.
(5) Jathedar Mohan Singh, M.L.A.

## COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

The life of the Committee on Public Accounts for 1953-54 came to an end on the 31st March, 1954. Another Committee was, therefore, elected during the Budget Session by the Assembly under Rule 170 consisting of—

(1) Sardar Gurdial Singh Dhillon (*Chairman*).
(2) Shri Jagat Ram Bhardwaj, M.L.A.
(3) Shri Kedar Nath Saigal, M.L.A.
(4) Sardar Khem Singh, M.L.A.
(5) Bakhshi Partap Singh, M.L.A.
(6) Shri Rizaq Ram, M.L.A.
(7) Sardar Sarup Singh, M.L.A.
(8) Shrimati Shanno Devi, M.L.A.
(9) Shrimati Sita Devi, M.L.A.

The Deputy Speaker being a member was nominated as the Chairman of the Committee.

Subsequently, the Deputy Speaker having been elected as Speaker, Shri Rizaq Ram was nominated as Chairman of the Committee and the vacancy thus caused has not yet been filled.

This Committee has been examining the Departmental Heads in connection with the items relating to the printing of electoral rolls and the Bhakra-Nangal Project in the Appropriations Accounts for 1950-51 and Audit Report, 1952. These items were left over by the previous Committee.

It will, however, scruitinize the Appropriation Accounts for 1951-52 and the Audit Report for 1953, if these are presented to the Assembly in the next Session.

## COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES.

The new Committee on Estimates like the Public Accounts Committee was elected during the Budget Session consisting of—

(1) Sardar Hari Singh, M.L.A. (*Chairman*).
(2) Shri Abhai Singh, M.L.A.
(3) Sardar Ajmer Singh, M.L.A.
(4) Sardar Chanan Singh Dhut, M.L.A.
(5) Shri Chuni Lal, M.L.A.
(6) Shri Dev Raj Sethi, M.L.A.
(7) Shri Kasturi Lal Goel, M.L.A.
(8) Shri Lal Chand Prarthi, M.L.A.
(9) Shri Ram Sarup, M.L.A.

Sardar Hari Singh was nominated as the Chairman of the Committee. It has decided to scrutinize the Budget Estimatesfor the current year, i.e., 1954-55.

## SELECT AND JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES

A Select Committee consisting of the following 14 Members was appointed in the Budget Session on the 29th of March, 1954, to consider and report on the East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1954. The Committee elected Chaudhri Sundar Singh, Labour Minister as the Chairman. It was required to present its report by the 2nd of April, 1954. It could not, however, do so and the Chairman, therefore, moved in the Assembly for extending the time for making the report to the 15th of October, 1954. This Motion was carried.

(1) Chaudhri Sundar Singh, Minister for Labour.
(2) Chaudhri Lahri Singh, Minister for Irrigation.
(3) Shrimati Sita Devi, M.L.A.
(4) Shri D. D. Puri, M.L.A.
(5) Master Gurbanta Singh, M.L.A.
(6) Jathedar Mohan Singh, M.L.A.
(7) Dewan Jagdish Chandra, M.L.A.
(8) Sardar Ajmer Singh, M.L.A.
(9) Shri Niranjan Dass Dhiman, M.L.A.
(10) Shri Amir Chand Gupta, M.L.A.
(11) Sardar Hari Singh, M.L.A.
(12) Sardar Achhar Singh Chhina, M.L.A.
(13) Shri Benarsi Dass Gupta, M.L.A.
(14) Shri Ram Kishan, M.L.A.

In the May Session on 21st May, 1954 the motion referring the Punjab Co-operative Societies Bill, 1954, to a Joint Select Committee was carried by the Assembly. It was concurred in by the Punjab Legislative Council on 22nd May, 1954. The following were nominated by the Assembly to serve on this Joint Select Committee :—

(1) Chaudhri Lahri Singh, Minister for Irrigation.
(2) Sardar Gurbachan Singh Bajwa, Minister for Public Works.
(3) Chaudhri Lajpat Rai, M.L.A.
(4) Shri Ram Kishan, M.L.A.
(5) Chaudhri Nanhu Ram, M.L.A.
(6) Chaudhri Mohd Yasin Khan, M.L.A.
(7) Shri Sadhu Ram, M.L.A.
(8) Pandit Jagat Ram Bhardwaj, M.L.A.
(9) Shrimati Dr. Parkash Kaur, M.L.A.
(10) Shri Mehar Singh, M.L.A.
(11) Sardar Mohan Singh, M.L.A.
(12) Sardar Shamsher Singh, M.L.A.
(13) Bawa Bhag Singh, M.L.A.
(14) Sardar Chanan Singh Dhut, M.L.A.
(15) Shri Rizaq Ram, M.L.A.
(16) Shri Dev Raj Sethi, M.L.A.
(17) Shri Samar Singh, M.L.A.
(18) Rai Raghuvir Singh, M.L.A.
(19) Shri Ram Chandra Comrade, M.L.A.

The Committee was required to submit its report by the 1st of September, 1954.

## PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

The Public Accounts Committee Report on the Appropriation Accounts for 1950-51 and Audit Report for 1952 (excepting two items) was presented by its Chairman Shri Kedar Nath Saigal to the Assembly on the 31st of March, 1954.

The Estimates Committee Report was presented by its Chairman, Shri Som Datta Bahri to the Assembly on 31st March, 1954.

The Estimates Committee Report on the Supplementary Estimates (2nd Instalment) was presented by Shri Som Datta Bahri on the 10th of March, 1954.

## PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

The following papers were laid before the Assembly.

### BUDGET SESSION

| Serial No. | Date on which laid | Subject of the paper laid on the Table |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 9th March, 1954 .. | Order of the Governor of Punjab relating to the addition made to Schedule 'B' and 'C' referred to in Regulations 5 and 6, respectively, of the Punjab and North-West Frontier Province Joint Public Service Commission (Limitation of Functions) Regulations, as required by Clause (5) of Article 320 of the Constitution. |
| 2 | 9th March, 1954 .. | Ordinances Nos. 1 and 2 of 1954, promulgated since the prorogation of the last session of the Assembly as required by clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution. |
| 3 | 15th March, 1954 .. | The Rules made under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, as required by Section 133(3) of the said Act. |
| 4 | 31st March, 1954 .. | The Rules framed under the Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Act, 1953, as required by subsection (3) of Section 22 of the said Act. |

### MAY SESSION

No paper was laid before the Assembly during the Session of the Assembly held in May, 1954.

### Budget

The Budget was presented by the Finance Minister with a speech on the 12th of March, 1954. General discussion on the Budget took place on the 16th

and 17th of March, 1954. Thirty-four Members (15 from the Opposition and 19 from the Treasury Benches) participated in it. Individual Demands noted below were discussed on the date mentioned against each :—

| Serial No. | Number of Demand with subject | Date on which discussed |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Demand No. 10 relating to General Administration | 18th and 22nd March, 1954 |
| 2 | Demand No. 7 relating to Irrigation Works .. | 23rd March, 1954 |
| 3 | Demand No. 8 relating to Irrigation Establishment | 24th March, 1954 |
| 4 | Demand No. 9 relating to Irrigation—Capital .. | 24th March, 1954 |
| 5 | Demand No. 20 relating to Industries .. | 25th March, 1954 |
| 6 | Demand No. 33 relating to Miscellaneous .. | 25th March, 1954 |

The number of Members who took part in the discussion on each Demand is given below :—

| Serial No. | Demand No. with Subject. | Number of Members who took part in the discussion |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Demand No. 10 relating to General Administration .. | 44 |
| 2 | Demand No. 7 relating to Irrigation Works .. | 21 |
| 3 | Demand No. 8 relating to Irrigation Establishment .. | 10 |
| 4 | Demand No. 9 relating to Irrigation Capital .. | 7 |
| 5 | Demand No. 20 relating to Industries .. | 26 |
| 6 | Demand No. 33 relating to Miscellaneous .. | 12 |

One hundred and nine notices of Amendments to the Budget Demands were received. The Amendments to the Demands which were discussed were either withdrawn or negatived. The rest of the Demands were put to the vote of the Assembly on 25th March, 1954 and carried.

The Supplementary Estimates (Second Instalment) were presented on 10th March, 1954 and discussed on 12th March, 1954. Three Members took part in the discussion on these Estimates. Seven notices of Amendments were received which were either withdrawn or negatived and these Demands were carried the same day.

## Adjournment Motions

The total number of Adjournment Motions received in the Budget Session was 14. These dealt with a variety of subjects. They were all ruled out of order on different grounds. Some were ruled out on the ground that they were anticipatory, some on the ground that they dealt with individual matters and some others on the ground that they did not deal with matters of urgent public importance or did not relate to matters of recent occurrence.

In the May Session, the total number of Adjournment Motions received was 40. These again dealt with a large variety of matters. These were all ruled out of order, some on the ground that they did not deal with recent happenings, some on the ground that they did not disclose matters of general public importance and some others on various other grounds.

## Legislative Business

During the Budget Session 19 official and 2 non-official Bills were considered by the Assembly, 18 official bills being passed and one being referred to a Select Committee. Out of the 2 non-official bills one was passed and the other left pending. The Bills which were passed were transmitted to the Punjab Legislative Council for their concurrence. Fourteen Bills were received back after concurrence without amendment or recommendation, four were received back with amendments/recommendations. Amendments/recommendations to the following Bills were proposed by the Punjab Legislative Council:—

(1) The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment) Bill, 1954.

(2) The Punjab Tobacco Vend Fees Bill, 1954.

(3) The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1954.

(4) The Punjab Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1954.

These amendments/recommendations were considered by the Assembly and carried except in the case of Bill at No. 1 above which was again passed by the Assembly. The Council thereupon concurred. Eighteen Bills were sent up for the assent of the Governor.

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## BILLS RECEIVED FROM THE COUNCIL FOR CONCURRENCE

Three Bills were received from the Council for the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly. Two were concurred in by the Assembly without amendment, and one was returned with amendments.

The total number of amendments proposed to bills received from the Council for concurrence of the Assembly was 7. Out of these one amendment was accepted by the Assembly and the rest were either withdrawn or negatived.

## MAY SESSION

During the May Session four Bills were introduced, three were passed and one, namely, the Punjab Co-operative Societies Bill, 1954, was referred to a Joint Select Committee.

Twenty-one amendments to these Bills were proposed, one was accepted by the Assembly and the rest either rejected or withdrawn.

No non-official Bill was in time as required by Rule 91.

## BILL RECEIVED FROM THE COUNCIL FOR CONCURRENCE

Nil.

## BILLS PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY

### BUDGET SESSION

| Serial No. | Name of the Bill | Date of introduction | Date of passing | Date of transmission to the Council | Date of receipt back from the Council |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1 | The Sikh Gurdwaras (2nd Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 9-3-54 | 9-3-54 | 10-3-54 | 15-3-54 |
| 2 | The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1954 | 15-3-54 | 15-3-54 | 15-3-54 | 16-3-54 |
| 3 | The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1954 | 26-3-54 | 26-3-54 | 26-3-54 | 30-3-54 |
| 4 | The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 29-3-54 | 29-3-54 | 29-3-54 | 31-3-54 |
| 5 | The Punjab Tobacco Vend Fees Bill, 1954 | 29-3-54 | 29-3-54 | 29-3-54 | 31-3-54 |
| 6 | The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 29-3-54 | 29-3-54 | 29-3-54 | 31-3-54 |
| 7 | The Punjab Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 29-3-54 | 29-3-54 | 29-3-54 | 31-3-54 |
| 8 | The Entertainments Tax (Cinematograph Shows) Bill, 1954 | 29-3-54 | 29-3-54 | 29-3-54 | 31-3-54 |
| 9 | The Punjab State Tube-well Bill, 1954 | 30-3-54 | 30-3-54 | 31-3-54 | 12-4-54 |
| 10 | The Indian Forest (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 30-3-54 | 30-3-54 | 31-3-54 | 12-4-54 |
| 11 | The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (2nd Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 31-3-54 | 31-3-54 | 31-3-54 | 12-4-54 |

| Serial No. | Name of the Bill | Date of introduction | Date of passing | Date of transmission to the Council | Date of receipt back from the Council |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 12 | The East Punjab General Sales Tax (2nd Amendment) Bill, 1954. | 31-3-54 | 31-3-54 | 31-3-54 | 12-4-54 |
| 13 | The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1954. | 31-3-54 | 31-3-54 | 1-4-54 | 12-4-54 |
| 14 | The East Punjab General Sales Tax ( 3rd Amendment) Bill, 1954. | 31-3-54 | 31-3-54 | 31-3-54 | 12-4-54 |
| 15 | The East Punjab General Sales Tax (4th Amendment) Bill, 1954. | 31-3-54 | 31-3-54 | 1-4-54 | 12-4-54 |
| 16 | The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment) Bill, 1954. | 2-4-54 | 2-4-54 | 3-4-54 | 12-4-54 |
| 17 | The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1954. | 2-4-54 | 2-4-54 | 3-4-54 | 12-4-54 |
| 18 | The Punjab Local Authorities Laws (Exercise of Powers) (Amendment) Bill, 1954. | 2-4-54 | 2-4-54 | 3-4-54 | 12-4-54 |
| 19 | The Punjab Restraint on Dowry and other Expenses on Marriages Bill, 1952. (Non-Official Bill). | 23-10-52 | 2-4-54 | 3-4-54 | Not yet received back. |

## MAY SESSION

| Serial No. | Name of the Bill | Date of introduction | Date of passing | Date of transmission to the Council | Date of receipt back from the Council |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1 | The Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property (Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 18-5-54 | 19-5-54 | 19-5-54 | 22-5-54 |
| 2 | The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (2nd Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 19-5-54 | 19-5-54 | 19-5-54 | 22-5-54 |
| 3 | The Punjab Gram Panchayat (2nd Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 21-5-54 | 21-5-54 | 21-5-54 | 24-5-54 |

## BILLS RECEIVED FROM THE COUNCIL FOR CONCURRENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY

### BUDGET SESSION

| Serial No. | Name of the Bill | Date of receipt | Date of considera-tion | Date of passing |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Amendment) Bill, 1954. | 9-3-54 | 30-3-54 | 30-3-54 |
| 2 | The Punjab Security of the State (Amendment) Bill, 1954. | 9-3-54 | 31-3-54 | 31-3-54 |
| 3 | The Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 9-3-54 | 30-3-54 | 30-3-54 |

During the May Session no Bill was received from the Council for concurrence of the Assembly.

## QUESTIONS

### BUDGET SESSION

| Nature of Questions | No. of notices received | No. disallowed | No. Answered | No. of Supplemen-taries put |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Starred .. | 1,166 | 237 | 753 | 616 |
| Unstarred .. | 82 | 26 | 56 | .. |
| Short Notice .. | 60 | 23 | 8 | .. |

### MAY SESSION

| Nature of Questions | No. of notices received | No. disallowed | No. Answered | No. of Supplemen-taries put |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Starred .. | 175 | 68 | 65 | 180 |
| Unstarred .. | 46 | 6 | 18 | .. |
| Short-notice . | 42 | 26 | 5 | 25 |

**Statement showing the number of Starred Questions in the names of different Ministers date-wise during the Budget and May Session, 1954.**

BUDGET SESSION—1954

| Date | | Chief Minister | Development Minister | Irrigation and Power Minister | Finance Minister | Education Minister | Public Works Minister | Labour Minister |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9th March, 1954 | .. | 17 | 16 | 3 | 12 | 5 | 6 | 1 |
| 10th March, 1954 | .. | 16 | 17 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 11th March, 1954 | .. | 16 | 13 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 5 | .. |
| 12th March, 1954 | .. | 10 | 8 | 5 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 1 |
| 13th March, 1954 | .. | 10 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 5 | 6 | 1 |
| 15th March, 1954 | .. | 17 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| 16th March, 1954 | .. | 8 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| 17th March, 1954 | .. | 11 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 5 |
| 18th March, 1954 | .. | 8 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 22nd March, 1954 | .. | 14 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| 23rd March, 1954 | .. | 8 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| 24th March, 1954 | .. | 7 | 14 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 25th March, 1954 | .. | 6 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 3 |
| 26th March, 1954 | .. | 13 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 4 |
| 27th March, 1954 | .. | 11 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 5 | 1 |
| 29th March, 1954 | .. | 9 | 13 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| 30th March, 1954 | .. | 2 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 1 |
| 31st March, 1954 | .. | 9 | 6 | 4 | .. | 6 | 4 | 3 |
| 1st April, 1954 | .. | 12 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 2nd April, 1954 | .. | 10 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Total | .. | 214 | 168 | 102 | 125 | 103 | 80 | 45 |
| MAY SESSION—1954 | | | | | | | | |
| 18th May, 1954 | .. | 3 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 3 |
| 19th May, 1954 | .. | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 20th May, 1954 | .. | 4 | 14 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | .. | 8 | 19 | 7 | 16 | 7 | 8 | 5 |
| Grand Total | .. | 222 | 187 | 109 | 141 | 110 | 88 | 50 |

# RESOLUTIONS

## Budget Session

During the Budget Session notices of 113 resolutions were received of which 10 were ballotted and one regarding the distribution of all Government Waste Land in the State among Harijan Agricultural Labourers *gratis* was discussed on 1st April, 1954. One amendment was moved to the resolution. The amendment as well as the main resolution was still under discussion when the Assembly adjourned for the day.

## May Session

In the May Session notices of 67 resolutions were received of which four were ballotted and two were discussed on 20th May, 1954.

The Resolutions that were discussed were :—

(1) This Assembly recommends to the Government that the East Punjab University (Amendment) Act, 1948, be further amended so as to extend to all Shastris the right to vote at elections to the Punjab University Senate.

(2) This Assembly recommends to the Government that it should appoint a Police Reorganization Committee to examine in regard to the Police the present system of recruitment and training, the methods of investigation and prosecution and to suggest measures in the light of changed circumstances by which crime may be promptly dealt with and the evil doer brought to book.

Two amendments were moved to resolution No. 1 which were negatived when put to the vote of the Assembly. Thereafter the resolution was by leave withdrawn.

No amendment was given notice of to resolution No. 2. The resolution was still under discussion when the Assembly adjourned for the day.

# WALKS-OUT

## Budget Session

A Walk-out was staged by the Opposition on the 8th of March, 1954, at the time when the Governor rose to deliver the Address. Another was staged by the Opposition on the 31st March, 1954, on the ground that copies of the Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill had not been supplied to them 5 clear days before-hand as required by the proviso to Rule 95.

## May Session

On the 20th of May, 1954, the Communist Members staged a walk-out as a protest against the Ruling that the Adjournment Motion given notice of by Sardar Chanan Singh Dhut on the subject of promulgation of Section 144, Cr. Procedure Code throughtout the State was out of order.

# DIVISIONS

## Budget Session

On four occasions the Members were ordered into their respective Lobbies to be there counted. Twice Divisions were claimed on the voting of Bills, once on a closure motion and once on a motion to transact Government Business on a Thursday.

On four occasions the Speaker, being of the opinion that the Divisions were unnecessarily claimed, requested the 'Ayes' and 'Noes' to rise in their places in the Chamber and be there counted whereupon he gave his decisions.

### MAY SESSION

On no occasion were Members ordered to their respective Lobbies to be there counted.

But on five occasions when division was claimed the Speaker, being of the opinion that the Division was unnecessarily claimed, requested the 'Ayes' and 'Noes' to rise in their places in the Chamber and be there counted whereupon he gave his decisions.

## SPEECHES

### BUDGET SESSION

The following Members of the Punjab Legislative Assembly spoke 10 times or more than 10 times :—

(1) Shri Bhim Sen Sachar (Chief Minister) ;

(2) Sardar Ujjal Singh (Finance Minister) ;

(3) Chaudhri Sundar Singh (Labour Minister) ;

(4) Sardar Ajmer Singh ;

(5) Professor Mota Singh ;

(6) Sardar Chanan Singh Dhut ;

(7) Shri Ram Kishan ;

(8) Sardar Sarup Singh ;

(9) Shrimati Sita Devi ;

(10) Shri Wadhawa Ram ;

(11) Sardar Wazir Singh .

### MAY SESSION

In the May Session, Shri Bhim Sen Sachar, Chief Minister spoke more than 10 times.

# STATEMENTS MADE BY THE MINISTERS

## Budget Session

The following statements were made by the Minister :—

| Serial No. | Designation of the Minister | Date on which made | Subject Matter |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Chief Minister | 9-3-54 | The statement was made in connection with the walk-out staged by the Opposition when the Governor rose to deliver his Address. |
| 2 | Chief Minister | 26-3-54 | A Member having refused to withdraw some words used by him ruled by the Speaker to be unparliamentary the Chief Minister expressed his regret to the Speaker. |
| 3 | Chief Minister | 29-3-54 | A statement was made in connection with the Palampur fire which broke out on 12th March, 1954. |

## May Session

No statement was made by any Minister except in connection with the death of Dr. Satyapal.

## DEATH OF DR. SATYAPAL, SPEAKER

On the 17th of May 1954, the Chief Minister made a reference to the death of Dr. Satyapal, Speaker, on the 18th of April, 1954, with a speech and moved that the Assembly be adjourned as a mark of respect to his memory. The Leaders of various groups paid glowing tributes to the late Speaker. The Assembly stood in silence for two minutes and adjourned.

## Election of Speaker and Deputy Speaker

In the vacancy caused by the death of the late Dr. Satyapal, Speaker, the Assembly elected Sardar Gurdial Singh Dhillon as Speaker on the 18th May, 1954.

Sardar Gurdial Singh Dhillon, Deputy Speaker, performed the duties of Speaker from the 19th April, 1954, till his election as Speaker and presided over the sittings of the Assembly as Deputy Speaker on the 17th and 18th May, 1954.

On the election of Sardar Gurdial Singh Dhillon, Deputy Speaker, as Speaker, the office of the Deputy Speaker fell vacant. The Assembly elected Chaudhri Sarup Singh as Deputy Speaker on the 19th of May, 1954.

## TRANSLATION

**Statement showing the kind and quantity of translation work done.**

BUDGET SESSION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Questions translated from Urdu, Hindi and Punjabi into English | 294 |
| 2. | Resolutions translated from Urdu, Hindi and Punjabi into English | 11 |
| 3. | Letters translated from Urdu, Hindi and Punjabi into English .. | 7 |
| 4. | Starred Questions translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi | 929+929 |
| 5. | Unstarred Questions translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 56+56 |
| 6. | Short Notice Questions translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 37+37 |
| 7. | Resolutions translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 103+103 |
| 8. | Bills translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 36+36 |
| 9. | Lists of Business translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi | 24+24 |
| 10. | Circulars translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 13+13 |
| 11. | Notices translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 10+10 |

MAY SESSION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Questions translated from Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu into English | 75 |
| 2. | Letters translated from Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu into English .. | 4 |
| 3. | Resolutions translated from Hindi and Punjabi into English .. | 2 |
| 4. | Notices translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 4+4 |
| 5. | Circulars translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 8+8 |
| 6. | Starred questions translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi | 107+107 |
| 7. | Unstarred questions translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi | 40+40 |
| 8. | Short notice questions translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 16+16 |
| 9. | Resolution translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 67+67 |
| 10. | Lists of Business and Revised Lists of Business translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 9+9 |
| 11. | Bills translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 7+7 |

# RULINGS GIVEN BY THE CHAIR

## ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

1. The notice of an adjournment motion can be read out to the House if it has been held to be in order. No Member can read out the notice of his motion unless it has been held in order.

(*9th March*, 1954 *and 26th March*, 1954)

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2. Notices of adjournment motions during the Budget Session are not in order as the subject matter of such motions can be discussed either during the general discussion of the Budget or during the discussion of Demands for Grants.

(*9th March*, 1954)

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3. On the persistent and insistent demands of some Members in regard to the reading out of the notice of an adjournment motion :—

> " I would read out the adjournment motions completely. But I think that sometimes it fully serves the purpose to give only the gist of the adjournment motions".

(*18th May*, 1954)

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4. Notice of an adjournment motion to be in order should be given at the first available opportunity and the motion should not be identical with the one already ruled out of order in the same session.

(*19th May*, 1954)

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5. An Adjournment motion seeking to discuss the affairs of autonomous bodies not under the control of the Government, such as the University, is not in order;

(*29th March*, 1954)

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6. If information in regard to a matter relating to an adjournment motion, is not readily available, no useful purpose can be served by its discussion especially when the subject matter thereof can be discussed during the debate on the Appropriation Bill.

(*26th March*, 1954)

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## AMENDMENT.

Amendment to a question inconsistent with a previous decision is out of crder

(*30th March*, 1954)

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## APPROPRIATION BILL.

*Time limit for speeches.*

Speaker is competent under Rule 169(3) to prescribe a time limit for speaches

(*26th March*, 8954

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## BILL

*Reference to a Select Committee*

When the motion that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee is under consideration, the principles underlying its clauses or its details should not be discussed.

(29*th March*, 1954)

## BILLS

*Supply of copies.*

The period of five clear days as provided in the proviso to Rule 95 is to be counted from the date of the receipt of the copies of the Bills concerned by the Members.

(19*th May*, 1954)

## BUDGET

*Discussion, scope of*

Discussion of broad policy underlying a Department and of general policies of the Government as evinced from the Budget is in order. Details should be discussed when Demands for Grants are under consideration of the Assembly.

(16*th March*, 1954)

## DEBATE

The character and integrity of the Members of the Public Service Commission and the Subordinate Services Selection Board should not be attacked.

(18*th March*, 1954.)

## DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

*Discussion of*

Only one demand can be before the Assembly at any one time for discussion Not more than one question can be before the Assembly at one and the same time.

(23*rd March*, 1954)

## GALLERY—OFFICERS'

The Members should not take notice of officers sitting in the Officers' Gallery, nor make signs to them nor even bring in their names in the discussions.

(25*th March*, 1954)

## Privilege, breach of

*Definition*

Privilege is a fundamental right of the House and of individual Members against the prerogatives and rights of other authorities which is generally accepted as necessary for the exercise of its constitutional functions by the House.

A breach of privilege is a contempt.

*Limitation on privileges*

The House in enjoyment of its privileges cannot and should not infringe or restrict the right of freedom of speech and expression of any other body or individual unless that exercise violates in any way the dignity or prestige of the House.

(19*th May*, 1954)

## Privilege Motion

A Privilege motion standing in the name of a Member cannot be moved in his absence by another Member.

(31*st March*, 1954)

## Questions

*By the Chief Parliamentary Secretary*

Chief Parliamentary Secretary being a Member of the Government and supplying information, as he does, on various matters on behalf of the Government cannot as such ask supplementary questions.

(20*th May*, 1954)

## Question, reply to

No Minister or a Parliamentary Secretary can be forced to reply to a question.

(29*th March*, 1954)

## Refusal of a Member to ask a Question standing in his name on the Agenda

Every Member is duty bound to ask his questions unless he gives a prior notice for their cancellation. It is an insult to the Chair if a Member, present in the House, refuses to ask his questions.

(In this case the Member had earlier used words to which the Speaker had taken objection and regarded them as insult. The Member had been ordered to withdraw those words but he had not withdrawn them. It was to signify his protest against the ruling of the Chair that the Member presistently refused, on his questions being called, to put them).

(25*th March*, 1954)

## Speaker

"Reflections on the character or actions of the Speaker amount to breaches of privilege and his action cannot be criticised even incidently in debate or upon any form of proceedings except by a substantive motion."

To say, therefore, that the Speaker replies on behalf of the Government or that he speaks too much amounts to criticism of the Speaker's action and is a breach of privilege.

(25*th March*, 1954)
*and*
(26*th March*, 1954)

STATEMENT BY A MINISTER

Statement by a Minister under Rule 49-A can be on any matter, can be made at any time, and it cannot be made the subject of discussion, nor can any question be put in respect of it.

(9*th March*, 1954)

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS

*Discussion, Scope of*

Discussion should be confined to the supplementary demand in question or the cut motion thereon. The general policy of the Government cannot be discussed on a Supplementary demand.

(11*th March*, 1954)

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Government should make all possible arrangements to give comprehensive replies to questions and Members should ask supplementaries only for further elucidation. If the right to ask supplementaries is not properly regulated then it becomes a farce.

It is also undesirable that the same supplementary questions should be asked over and over again or that a few Members should usurp the right of asking supplementary questions.

(15*th March*, 1954)

UNPARLIAMENTARY EXPRESSIONS

"Jhut" (16th March, 1954).

"Khushamdi" not desirable (17th March, 1954).

"Shohdapan" (18th March, 1954).

PERMISSIBLE EXPRESSIONS

"Rhetorician" (22nd March, 1954).

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# RESUME

OF

# Business transacted by the Vidhan Sabha

DURING

THE 8TH SESSION

(November , 1954)

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# PREFACE

The following pages contain information in a consolidated form about the business transacted in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha during its 8th session commencing on the 1st of November, 1954. Quite a substantial part of this information has already been made available to Members through the daily bulletins which were issued at the conclusion of each sitting. An effort has this time been made to incorporate all possible information about legislative measures in a chart, which, it is hoped, would prove useful for comparative purposes.

The Speaker's Ruling given on 1st November, 1954, in connection with a communication addressed by a Member to other Speakers in the country (on the subject of the Speaker's decisions on the notices of Adjournment Motions given by him) has been reproduced in full.

Suggestions by Members for an improvement of such publications in future would be very greatly welcomed.

CHANDIGARH,
November 22, 1954

KULDIP CHAND BEDI,
SECRETARY.

## SUMMONS

The Punjab Legislative Assembly was summoned to meet for its 8th Session on the 1st of November, 1954 by an order of the Governor dated the 7th of September, 1954, and continued to meet till the 12th of November, 1954, when, after a nonstop sitting lasting 15 hours and 25 minutes it adjourned *sine die*.

### ASSEMBLY'S SITTINGS.

The Assembly sat from 1st November, 1954, to 5th November, 1954, and then again from 11th November to 12th November. On Thursday the 4th November, 1954, business other than Government business was transacted.

### I.—*Nominations by the Speaker*—

(i) to the Panel of Chairmen under Rule 11 (1)—

Professor Sher Singh ;
Gyani Rajinder Singh ;
Shri Mool Chand Jain ;
Principal Iqbal Singh.

(ii) to the Committee on Petitions under Rule 177—

Chaudhri Sarup Singh ;
Professor Sher Singh ;
Shri Chuni Lal ;
Shri Lajpat Rai ;
Master Partap Singh.

(iii) to the Rules Committee under Rule 172-A—

Sardar Gurbachan Singh Bajwa ;
Chaudhri Lahri Singh ;
Sardar Gopal Singh Khalsa ;
Shri D. D. Puri;
Jathedar Mohan Singh ;
Sardar Harkishan Singh Surjit ;
Comrade Ram Kishan

besides himself, with S. Gurbachan Singh Bajwa acting as Chairman in his absence.

(iv) to the Committee on Government Assurances under Rule 172-D—

Shri Mool Chand Jain ;
Dewan Jagdish Chandra ;
Shrimati Dr. Parkash Kaur ;
Shri Chand Ram Ahlawat ;
Sardar Darbara Singh ;
Rao Abhai Singh ;
Shri Gopi Chand ;
Sardar Shamsher Singh ;
Sardar Chanan Singh Dhut.

The Speaker nominated Shri Mool Chand Jain as the Chairman of the Committee.

II.—*Election to the vacant seat in the Public Accounts Committee*, 1954-55

Six Members filed their nomination papers. Five, however, withdrew their candidature leaving Shri Som Datta Bahri who was declared elected.

III.—*Joint Select Committee*

On the 12th November the Motion referring the Punjab Ejectment Bill to a Joint Select Committee was carried by the Assembly. It was concurred in by the Punjab Legislative Council on the 15th of November, 1954.

The following were nominated by the Assembly to serve on this Joint Select Committee :—

(1) Shri Bhim Sen Sachar, Chief Minister.
(2) Sardar Partap Singh Kairon, Minister for Development.
(3) Chaudhri Lahri Singh, Minister for Irrigation and Power.
(4) Shri Devi Lal, M.L.A.
(5) Jathedar Mohan Singh, M.L.A.
(6) Shri Mool Chand Jain, M.L.A.
(7) Shri Chand Ram, M.L.A.
(8) Shrimati Dr. Parkash Kaur, M.L.A.
(9) Sardar Ajmer Singh, M.L.A.
(10) Comrade Ram Kishan, M.L.A.
(11) Shri Daulat Ram Sharma, M.L.A.
(12) Sardar Partap Singh Rai, M.L.A.
(13) Sardar Harkishan Singh Surjit, M.L.A.
(14) Chaudhri Sri Chand, M.L.A.
(15) Thakur Mehar Singh, M.L.A.
(16) Shri Teg Ram, M.L.A.
(17) Shri Sadhu Ram, M.L.A.
(18) Shri Dharam Vir Vasisht, M.L.A.

The following were nominated by the Punjab Legislative Council :—

(1) Sardar Ujjal Singh, Minister for Finance.
(2) Shri Ram Chandra, M.L.C.
(3) Sardar Naginder Singh, M.L.C.
(4) Pandit Ram Dhan Sharma, M.L.C.
(5) Sardar Ramdayal Singh, M.L.C.
(6) Shri Bashir-ud-Din, M.L.C.
(7) Sardar Gulab Singh, M.L.C.

The Committee is required to submit its report by the 15th December, 1954.

## PAPERS LAID BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY

The following papers were laid before the Assembly :—

| Serial No. | Date on which laid | Subject |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1st November, 1954 | A statement showing the Bills passed by the Legislature during its 7th session and assented to by the Governor. |
| 2 | Ditto | The Punjab Gram Panchayat (2nd Amendment) Bill returned by the Legislative Council with amendments as required by Rule 2 of the Punjab State Legislature (Communications) Rules, 1952. |
| 3 | Ditto .. | Ordinances No. 3—9 of 1954 promulgated since the prorogation of the last Session of the Assembly as required by clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution. |
| 4 | Ditto .. | The first Annual Report and Accounts of the Punjab Financial Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1954. |
| 5 | Ditto .. | Supplementary Estimates (1st Instalment) 1954-55. |
| 6 | Ditto .. | Excess Demands. |
| 7 | Ditto .. | Report of the Committee on Estimates on Supplementary Estimates (1st Instalment) for 1954-55. |
| 8 | 5th November, 1954 | Rules made under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, as required by Section 133(3) of the said Act. |
| 9 | Ditto .. | The amendments made in the Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Rules, 1954 as required by subsection 3 of Section 22 of the Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Act, 1953. |
| 10 | Ditto .. | Third Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government 1950-51 and Audit Report, 1952. |
| 11 | 11th November, 1954 | The Punjab Co-operative Societies Bill, 1954, as returned by the Legislative Council with amendments as required by Rule 2 of the Punjab State Legislature (Communication) Rules, 1952. |
| 12 | 12th November, 1954 | Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General on the Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Punjab for the year 1951-52 and Audit Report 1953. |

## Oath

Shri Chandan Lal Jaura, a Member elected from the Amritsar City, North Constituency in a by-election had already taken the oath.

Sardar Gurcharan Singh, a Member elected from the Mehna Constituency in a by-election took the oath.

## References

Reference to the deaths of Janab Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, Union Minister for Food and Agriculture and Sardar Nidhan Singh, M.L.A., were made on the 1st of November. The Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition spoke and the Speaker associated himself with the sentiments expressed. All the Members stood in silence for 2 minutes as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

## Adjournment Motions

The total number of notices of Adjournment Motions received in time was 7. Three notices from Pandit Shri Ram Sharma on 1st November 1954 were not received in time. In respect of one notice of adjournment motion leave was not asked for as the Member was not present in the House to do so.

The seven notices dealt with a variety of subjects and were ruled out of order on various grounds, as below :—

| Member/Members giving notice | Date | Subject-matter of the notice | Whether held in order or not and the grounds therefor |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. S. Ajmer Singh, Thakur Balwant Singh, Pandit Shri Ram Sharma, Shri Babu Dayal | 1-11-54 | Murders of certain persons alleged to be considered as a menace to Law and Order in the Rohtak District | Held out of order: matter was obviously sub-judice, was concerned with the administration of ordinary law, was vague, and nothing of urgent public importance was disclosed. |
| 2. S. Chanan Singh Dhut and S. Darshan Singh | 2-11-54 | The situation arising out of the decision of 8 trade Unions of Amritsar on 1st November, to observe a general strike in all Textile Mills in support of the locked out workers of Mehra Mills, Amritsar | On the Labour Minister explaining the position held out of order: facts stated in the notice did not exist. |
| 3. Pandit Shri Ram Sharma and Shri Babu Dayal | 3-11-54 | The growing distress of the residents of Sirsa in Hissar District at the attitude of the Punjab Government in not transferring the D.S.P. Behal Singh to another place pending the inquiry against him about his vulgar and unlawful behaviour | Held out of order : dealt with matters of ordinary administration in which representations could be made : not of urgent public importance. |
| 4. Pandit Shri Ram Sharma and Shri Babu Dayal | 3-11-54 | The injustice involved in the appointment of the present Director of Public Instruction as now revealed by the decision of the Public Service Commission on the petition of Dr Joshi | Held out of order : dealt with matters of ordinary administration in which representations could be made, not of urgent public importance. |

| Member/Members giving notice | Date | Subject-matter of the notice | Whether held in order or not and the grounds therefor |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5. Pandit Shri Ram Sharma | 12-11-54 | Regarding the official pressure for the collection of funds in District Rohtak for the National Plan Loan. | Held out of order : it was vague, did not relate to a single specific matter and it was not moved at the earliest available opportunity ; it did not reveal any recent happening or urgency or public importance. |
| 6. Pandit Shri Ram Sharma | 12-11-54 | Regarding arrests in District Hissar in connection with agitation for the transfer of a D.S.P. | Held out of order : it was an ordinary administrative matter and was not moved at the earliest opportunity ; did not reveal any recent happening or urgency or public importance. |
| 7. Pandit Shri Ram Sharma | 12-11-54 | Regarding electricity rates in Panipat. | Held out of order : it was not urgent and other remedies were available for the redress of the alleged grievances ; did not reveal any recent happening or public importance. |

*Time Table for Business on 11th and 12th November*

The Assembly on 5th November 1954, approved the Time Table for the Business for the 11th and 12th November which had been drawn up by the Speaker in consultation with the Leader of the House and, in the absence of the Leader of the Opposition, Principal Iqbal Singh. The Time Table was as follows :—

*11th November*

| | |
|---|---|
| (1) Appropriation Bill in respect of Supplementary Estimates. | 2.0 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. |
| (2) Discussion and voting of Excess Demands .. | 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. |
| (3) Legislative Business .. | 4.30 p.m. onwards. |

*12th November*

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|---|---|
| (1) Appropriation Bill in respect of Excess Demands. | 2.0 p.m. to 3.0 p.m. |
| (2) Legislative Business .. | 3.0 p.m. onwards. |

## QUESTIONS

*8th Session* .. 1954

| Nature of questions. | No. of notices received. | No. disallowed. | No. answered. | No. deemed to have been answered under rule 37. | No. of Supplementaries put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Starred .. | 957 | 249 | 350 { 59 Treasury— / 115 Opposition } | 77 Treasury<br>99 Opposition | 246 |
| Unstarred .. | 51 | 21 | 30 { 11 Treasury / 19 Opposition } | .. | .. |
| Short Notice .. | 35 | 11 | .. | .. | .. |

**Statement showing the number of Starred Questions answered date wise**

| Date. | Treasury Benches. | Opposition Party. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | *Number answered on the floor of the House.* | | |
| 1st November 1954 | 17 | 22 | 39 |
| | *Number deemed to have been answered under Rule 37.* | | |
| | 21 | 25 | 46 |
| | *Number answered on the floor of the House.* | | |
| 2nd November 1954 | 12 | 31 | 43 |
| | *Number deemed to have been answered under Rule 37.* | | |
| | 14 | 10 | 24 |
| | *Number answered on the floor of the House.* | | |
| 3rd November 1954 | 8 | 18 | 26 |
| | *Number deemed to have been answered under Rule 37.* | | |
| | 13 | 28 | 41 |
| | *Number answered on the floor of the House.* | | |
| 4th November 1954 | 14 | 34 | 48 |
| | *Number deemed to have been answered under Rule 37.* | | |
| | 8 | 8 | 16 |
| | *Number answered on the floor of the House.* | | |
| 5th November 1954 | 8 | 10 | 18 |
| | *Number deemed to have been answered under Rule 37.* | | |
| | 21 | 23 | 49 |

Statement showing the number of starred Questions in the name of different Ministers date-wise.

| Date. | Chief Minister. | Development Minister. | Irrigation Minister. | Finance Minister. | Education Minister. | Public Works Minister. | Labour Minister. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1st November, 1954 | 19 | 20 | 12 | 5 | 13 | 12 | 6 | 87 |
| 2nd November, 1954 | 18 | 19 | 3 | 12 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 76 |
| 3rd November, 1954 | 22 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 67 |
| 4th November, 1954 | 16 | 21 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 64 |
| 5th November, 1954 | 22 | 16 | 8 | 1 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 68 |
| Total .. | 97 | 86 | 40 | 29 | 52 | 36 | 22 | 362* |

*Including 9 questions postponed and 3 not put.

The Questions hour was dispensed with on 11th and 12th November, 1954.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF STARRED, UNSTARRED AND SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS IN THE NAME OF EACH MINISTER DATE-WISE AND DEPARTMENT-WISE DURING THE AUTUMN SESSION, 1954.

CHIEF MINISTER.

| Date. | Nature of questions. | Police Department. | Panchayat Department. | Civil Supplies Department. | General Administration. | Jails Department. | Total. | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1-11-54 .. | Starred .. | 7 | 3 | 2 | 7 | .. | 19 | 18 | .. | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 4 | 4 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

DEVELOPMENT MINISTER.

| Date. | Nature of questions. | Revenue Department. | Development Department. | Total. | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1-11-54 .. | Starred .. | 14 | 6 | 20 | 20 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | 4 | 2 | 6 | 6 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

IRRIGATION MINISTER.

| Date. | Nature of questions. | Irrigation Department. | Co-operative Department. | Total. | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1-11-54 | Starred .. | 11 | 1 | 12 | 12 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | 7 | .. | 7 | 7 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

FINANCE MINISTER.

| Date. | Nature of questions. | Relief and Rehabilitation Department. | Industries Department. | Total. | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1-11-54 .. | Starred .. | 4 | 1 | 5 | 5 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | 2 | .. | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

EDUCATION MINISTER.

| Date, | Nature of questions. | Education Department. | Health Department. | Transport Department. | Total. | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1-11-54 .. | Starred .. | 7 | 4 | 2 | 13 | 13 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER.

| Date. | Nature of questions. | P. W. D. (B. & R.) Department. | Local Government Department. | Capital Project Department. | Total. | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1-11-54 .. | Starred .. | 4 | 6 | 2 | 12 | 11 | 1 | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

LABOUR MINISTER.

| Date | Nature of questions. | Labour Department. | Total. | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1-11-54 .. | Starred .. | 6 | 6 | 6 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1-11-54 .. | Grand Total— | | | | | |
| | Starred .. | .. | 87 | 85 | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | 19 | 19 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER.

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Police Department | Civil Supplies Department | Jails Department | Total | No. of questions answered | No. of questions postponed | No. of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2-11-54 .. | Starred .. | 8 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 16 | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## DEVELOPMENT MINISTER.

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Finance Department (Planning) | Development Department | Total | No. of questions answered | No. of questions postponed | No. of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2-11-54 .. | Starred .. | 11 | 2 | 6 | 19 | 12 | 7 | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER.

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | Total | No. of questions answered | No. of questions postponed | No. of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2-11-54 .. | Starred .. | 3 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER.

| Date | Nature of questions | Industries Department | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | Finance Department | Total | No. of questions answered | No. of questions postponed | No. of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2-11-54 .. | Starred .. | 4 | 7 | 1 | 12 | 12 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## EDUCATION MINISTER.

| Date | Nature of questions | Education Department | Transport Department | Total | No. of questions answered | No. of questions postponed | No. of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2-11-54 .. | Starred .. | 5 | 4 | 9 | 9 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER.

| Date | Nature of questions | P. W. D. (B. & R.) Department | Local Government Department | Capital Project | Total | No. of questions answered | No. of questions postponed | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2-11-54 .. | Starred .. | 5 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 7 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## LABOUR MINISTER.

| Date | Nature of questions | Labour Department | Total | No. of questions answered | No. of questions postponed | No. of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2-11-54 .. | Starred .. | 8 | 8 | 8 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Grand Total— | | | | | |
| | Starred .. | .. | 76 | 67 | 8 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Panchayat Department | Civil Supplies Department | Police Department | Total | No. of questions answered | No. of questions postponed | No. of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3-11-54 | Starred | 7 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 22 | 22 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Development Department | Finance Department (Planning) | Total | No. of questions answered | No. of questions postponed | No. of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3-11-54 | Starred | 6 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 10 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | Total | No. of questions answered | No. of questions postponed | No. of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3-11-54 | Starred | 7 | 1 | 8 | 8 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | 3 | .. | 3 | 3 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | Industries Department | Total | No. of questions answered | No. of questions postponed | No. of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3-11-54 | Starred | 5 | 3 | 8 | 8 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## EDUCATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Education Department | Health & Local Govt. Department | Transport Department | Total | No. of questions answered | No. of questions postponed | No. of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3-11-54 | Starred | 6 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 11 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Local Government Department | Capital Project Department | P.W.D. (B.&R.) Department | Total | No. of questions answered | No. of questions postponed | No. of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3-11-54 | Starred | 3 | 1 | .. | 4 | 4 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

LABOUR MINISTER

| ate | Nature of questions | Labour Department | Total | No. of questions answered | No. of questions postpone d | No. of question not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3-11-54 | Starred | 4 | 4 | 4 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Grand Total— | | | | | |
| | Starred | | 67 | 67 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | | 7 | 7 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER.

| Date. | Nature of questions. | General Administration. | Panchayat Department. | Police Department. | Civil Supplies Department. | Total. | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4-11-54 | Starred .. | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 16 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## DEVELOPMENT MINISTER.

| Date. | Nature of questions. | Revenue Department. | Development Department. | Total. | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4-11-54 | Starred. .. | 13 | 8 | 21 | 21 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred. .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice. .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | . |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER.

| Date. | Nature of questions. | Irrigation Department. | Co-operative Department. | Total. | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
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| 4-11-54 | Starred .. | 8 | 1 | 9 | 9 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER.

| Date. | Nature of questions. | Finance Department. | Relief and Rehabilitation Department. | Industries Department. | Total. | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4-11-54 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |

## EDUCATION MINISTER.

| Date. | Nature of questions. | Health Department. | Education Department. | Total. | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4-11-54 | Starred .. | 2 | 4 | 6 | 6 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER.

| Date. | Nature of questions. | Local Government Department. | P.W.D. (B&R) Department. | Total. | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4-11-54 | Starred .. | 6 | 1 | 7 | 7 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## LABOUR MINISTER.

| Date. | Nature of questions, | | Labour Department. | Total, | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4-11-54 | Starred | .. | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | GRAND TOTAL— | | | | | | |
| | Starred | .. | .. | 64 | 64 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER.

| Date. | Nature of questions. | General Administration. | Police Department. | Panchayat Department. | Total. | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5-11-54 | Starred .. | 8 | 8 | 6 | 22 | 21 | .. | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## DEVELOPMENT MINISTER.

| Date. | Nature of questions. | Revenue Department. | Development Department. | Total. | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5-11-54 | Starred .. | 13 | 3 | 16 | 16 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date. | Nature of questions. | Irrigation Department. | Co-operative Department. | Total. | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
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| 5-11-54 | Starred | 5 | 3 | 8 | 8 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date. | Nature of questions. | Finance Department. | Total. | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5-11-54 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## EDUCATION MINISTER.

| Date. | Nature of questions. | Education Department. | Health Department. | Transport Department. | Total. | No. of questions answered, | No. of questions postponed | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5-11-54 | Starred .. | 7 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 13 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER.

| Date. | Nature of questions. | Local Government Department. | P.W.D. (B and R) Department. | Capital Project Department. | Total | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5-11-54 | Starred .. | 3 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 6 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## LABOUR MINISTER.

| Date. | Nature of questions. | Labour Department. | Total. | No. of questions answered. | No. of questions postponed. | No. of questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5-11-54 | Starred .. | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 5-11-54 | Grand Total— Starred .. | .. | 68 | 67 | .. | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | . | . | |

## FINANCIAL BUSINESS.

1. *Supplementary Estimates* (*1st Instalment*). 1954-55 *on 5th November*, 1954.

There were 17 demands in all totalling Rs. 91,45,010. Demands Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5 were carried after discussion, the amendments proposed being either negatived or withdrawn. No. 2 was carried without discussion and Nos. 6 to 17 were carried after guillotine.

| Demand No. | Subject | *Number of speakers* | | *Time taken in minutes* | | *Amendments* | | Not moved. | Held out of order. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Treasury. | Opposition. | Treasury. | Opposition. | Treasury. | Opposition. | | |
| 1 | 8—State Excise Duties | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | .. | 1 (lost) | .. | .. |
| 3 | 18—Other Revenue Expenditure financed from Ordinary Revenues | 5 | 2 | 34 | 4 | 1 (by leave withdrawn) | ... | 1 (Treasury) | .. |
| 4 | Charges on Irrigation Establishment | 2 | 3 | 12 | 12 | 1 (by leave withdrawn) | 1 (lost) | 1 (Opposition) | 1 (Opposition) |
| 5 | 25—General Administration | 1 | 2 | 3 | 10 | .. | 2 (lost) | 2 (Opposition) 4 (Treasury) | .. |

On Demands Nos. 6 to 17, 29 notices of amendments, 17 from the Treasury Benches and 12 from the Oppostion had been received.

2. *Excess demands in respect of Excesses over Grants and Appropriations for the year* 1950-51.

There were 7 such demands and were discussed on 11th November, 1954. There were 4 notices of amendments to demands Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5, respectively, by Members of the Opposition. These were ruled out of order on the ground that they had the effect of negative votes. Discussion took place on Demand No. 2 in respect of 29—Police. Four Members from the Opposition and 1 from the Treasury Benches took part in the discussion, speaking for 10 minutes and 2 minutes, respectively.

Demands Nos. 3 and 4 were discussed for one minute and three minutes, respectively, only one Member from the Opposition speaking on the former and two on the latter, one from the Opposition for two minutes and the Finance Minister for one minute .

All these Demands were carried.

3. *Appropriation* (*No.* 3) *Bill* (*Bill No.* 45), 1954, *on 11th November*, 1954, *in respect of the Supplementary Demands granted by the Assembly on 5th November* 1954.

The Bill was before the Assembly for 81 minutes. Eight Members took part in the discussion, 4 from the Opposition and 4 from the Treasuryi Benches, speaking for 34 and 45 minutes, respectively. The last motion was carried under guillotine.

4. *Appropriation* (*No.* 4) *Bill* (*Bill No.* 47), 1954, *on 12th November*, 1954, *in respect of Excess Demands granted by the Assembly on 11th November*, 1954.

This Bill was passed in three minutes without any discussion.

## OTHER LEGISLATION

The following table gives all the information about the legislation passed by the Vidhan Sabha :—

| Serial No. | Title of the Bill | Date of introduction | Date of reference to Select/Joint Select Committee | Date of presentation of Report) of the Committee | No. of Speeches | | Time Taken | | Amendments proposed | | Amendments not moved | | Amendments withdrawn | Amendments lost | Amendments held out of order | Amendments carried | | Total time taken on discussion | Date of passing | Date of transmission to the Council | Date of receipt back from Council | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Treasury | Opposition | Treasury | Opposition | Treasury | Opposition | Treasury | Opposition | | | | Treasury | Opposition | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | H. Min. | H. Min. | | | | | | | | | | H. Min. | | | | |
| 1 | The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 29-3-54 | 29-3-54 to S.Com. | 2-11-54 (final report | 8 | 7 | 0 46 | 0 36 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 25 | 2-11-54 | 3-11-54 | 15-11-54 | |
| *2 | The Punjab Co-operative Societies Bill, 1954 | 21-5-54 | 21-5-54 to Jt.S.Com. | 1-11-54 | 27 | 9 | 2 5 | 0 23 | 6 | .. | .. | .. | 1 (Treasury) | .. | .. | 5 | .. | 2 54 | 1-11-54 | 2-11-54 | 11-11-54 | Note. 11 amendments had been made by the Council which were agreed to by the Assembly. |
| 3 | The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Second Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 21-5-54 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 0 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 7 | (1) 21-5-54<br>(2) 2-11-54 (passed again) | 21-5-54<br>3-11-54 | 24-5-54 (with amendments)<br>12-11-54 | |
| 4 | The Punjab Merged States (Laws) (Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 1-11-54 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 0 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 6 | 1-11-54 | 1-11-54 | 8-11-54 | |
| 5 | The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 2-11-54 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 0 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 6 | 2-11-54 | 2-11-54 | 12-11-54 | |
| 6 | The Punjab Cotton Ginning and Pressing Factories Bill, 1953 (Returned by the Governor) | 3-11-54 (Reconsideration) | .. | .. | 10 | 15 | 0 35 | 1 6 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 2 (Opposition) | .. | 2 | .. | 1 49 | 3-11-54 | 4-11-54 | 12-11-54 | |
| 7 | The Punjab District Boards (Temporary Constitution) Bill, 1954 | 3-11-54 | .. | .. | 12 | 21 | 1 39 | 3 06 | .. | 10 | .. | 4 | .. | 4 (Opposition) | 2 (Opposition) | .. | .. | 5 16 | 12-11-54 | 13-11-54 | 16-11-54 | |
| 8 | The Court Fees (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 3-11-54 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 0 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 3 | 3-11-54 | 5-11-54 | 15-11-54 | |
| 9 | The Punjab Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 1954 | 11-11-54 | .. | .. | 4 | 4 | 0 45 | 0 34 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 21 | 11-11-54 | 11-11-54 | 12-11-54 | |
| 10 | The Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) Bill, 1954 | 12-11-54 | .. | .. | 6 | 8 | 1 3 | 2 25 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 4 | .. | 1 (Opposition) | .. | 2 | .. | 5 45 | 12-11-54 | 13-11-54 | 16-11-54 | |
| 11 | The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 12-11-54 | .. | .. | 5 | 8 | 0 38 | 0 57 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 (Treasury) | .. | .. | .. | 2 8 | 12-11-54 | 13-11-54 | 15-11-54 | |
| 12 | The East Punjab War Awards (Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 12-11-54 | .. | .. | 1 | 3 | 0 2 | 0 14 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 19 | 12-11-54 | 13-11-54 | 15-11-54 | |
| 13 | The Sikh Gurdwaras (Third Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 12-11-54 | .. | .. | 5 | 7 | 0 48 | 1 24 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 15 | 12-11-54 | 13-11-54 | 15-11-54 | |
| 14 | The Sikh Gurdwaras (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 12-11-54 | .. | .. | 6 | 5 | 0 16 | 0 19 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 41 | 12-11-54 | 13-11-54 | 15-11-54 | |
| 15 | The Punjab Municipal (Second Amendment) Bill, 1954 | 12-11-54 | .. | .. | 3 | 3 | 0 6 | 0 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 16 | 12-11-54 | 13-11-54 | 15-11-54 | |
| 16 | The Sikh Gurdwaras Committees Election (Validation) Bill, 1954 | 12-11-54 | .. | .. | 3 | 3 | 0 9 | 0 7 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 19 | 12-11-54 | 13-11-54 | 15-11-54 | |
| 17 | The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1954 | 12-11-54 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 3 | 12-11-54 | 12-11-54 | 15-11-54 | |
| 18 | The Punjab Prevention of Ejectment Bill, 1954 | 12-11-54 | 12th November, 1954, to Jt.S.Com. to report by 15th December, 1954 | .. | 4 | 3 | 0 42 | 0 18 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 5 | .. | .. | .. | |

*Time taken on this bill It includes the time taken for consideration of the Report of the Joint Select Committee and the consideration of the amendments made by the Council in the Bill as passed by the Assembly.

*Note.* The time taken for Points of Orders raised during discussion for the Statement of Motions, etc., has not been accounted for separately, and it is included in the total time taken.

## BILLS RECEIVED FROM THE COUNCIL FOR CONCURRENCE

**(Originating in the Council)**

**Nil.**

## RESOLUTIONS

The total number of notices of resolutions received was 58 out of which 52 were admitted, 25 from Members of the Treasury Benches and 27 from Members of the Opposition, 6 being disallowed, 4 from the former and 2 from the latter. Notices of 38 were renewed, 20 of Members of the Treasury Benches and 18 of Members of the Opposition. Thus there were notices of 90 resolutions from Members.

In addition there was notice of one official resolution which was fixed for 2nd November, 1954 and two notices under Rule 139 disapproving Ordinances Nos. 3,4,5, 8 and 9 respectively.

Two ballots for determining the priority of resolutions to be taken up on 4th November, 1954 and 11th November, 1954 were held on 2nd November, 1954 and 4th November, 1954, respectively, 10 and 7 resolutions being balloted.

No resolution could, however, be taken up on 11th November, 1954 as the motion that Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly be suspended and government business transacted on Thursday, the 11th November, 1954 was carried by the Assembly on 5th November, 1954.

Time for discussing resolutions given notice of under Rule 139 had not yet been allotted.

1. The official Resolution on 2nd November, 1954:—

"That this House ratifies the amendment of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India proposed to be made by the Constitution (Third Amendment) Bill, 1954, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament" was moved by the Chief Minister. The resolution was under discussion for 61 minutes, 4 Members from the Opposition and two from the Treasury Benches took part in the discussion for 20 and 15 minutes respectively, the mover speaking for 7 minutes while moving and for 19 minutes while winding up the debate.

The Assembly's decision was given on a division: 63 voting for and 21 against.

2. On 4th November, 1954 when business other than government business was transacted the following resolution was moved by Sardar Chanan Singh Dhut a Member of the Opposition:—

"This Assembly recommends to the Government to distribute all government culturable waste land in the State among Harijan Agricultural Labourers and peasants *gratis*".

This resolution was before the House for 199 minutes; 18 Members took part in the discussion, 11 from the Opposition and 7 from the Treasury Benches speaking for 73 and 84 minutes respectively, the Chief Minister speaking for 38 minutes.

A division was claimed by the Opposition when the resolution was put to the vote of the Assembly, but it was held that the division was unnecessarily claimed whereupon the Opposition staged a walk-out.

The resolution was declared lost.

3. Another resolution was moved by another Member of the Opposition namely, Shri Babu Dayal Sharma:—

" That this House resolves that the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly be framed afresh by this House ".

Before this resolution could be stated the Chief Minister rose on a point of order regarding its admissibility, and was stating his point when the House was adjourned.

## OTHER MOTIONS

1. (i) On 5th November, 1954 "That the Assembly at its rising this day shall stand adjourned till 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, the 11th November 1954" was carried without any discussion

*and*

(ii) "That Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly be suspended and Government business transacted on Thursday, the 11th November, 1954" after a discussion lasting 26 minutes in which 4 Members from the Opposition and 1 from the Treasury Benches took part, speaking for 20 minutes and 6 minutes respectively was carried on a division; 45 voting and 15 against it.

2. (i) On 12th November, 1954 "That the proceedings on the items of business fixed for today be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Rule " Sittings of the Assembly " was carried without discussion, discussion not being permitted in view of Rule 12.3(c) although it was sought to be raised. The Members of the Opposition protested and staged a walk-out, but returned after a short while.

(ii) " That the Assembly at its rising this day shall stand adjourned *sine die* " was carried without any discussion.

1. The following Members of the Vidhan Sabha spoke for ten times or more than that during the eighth Session, 1954:—

1. Shri Bhim Sen Sachar (Chief Minister).
2. Chaudhri Lahri Singh (Minister for Irrigation and Power) .
3. Sardar Gurbachan Singh Bajwa (Minister for Public Works).
4. Sardar Achhar Singh Chhina.
5. Sardar Sarup Singh.
6. Maulvi Abdul Ghani Dar.
7. Sardar Chanan Singh Dhut.
8. Sardar Mota Singh.
9. Sardar Ajmer Singh.
10. Pandit Shri Ram Sharma.

II. *Total Number of Speeches—*

| | |
|---|---|
| (i) Treasury | .. 124 |
| (ii) Opposition | .. 129 |

III. *Total time Taken—*

| | |
|---|---|
| (i) Treasury | .. 13 Hours 15 Minutes. |
| (ii) Opposition | .. 14 Hours 54 Minutes. |

## WALK-OUTS

| Serial No. | Date on which staged | Occasion |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1st November, 1954 .. | As a protest against the adjournment motion being ruled out of order. |
| 2 | 4th November, 1954 .. | When the Speaker held that division on the vote on the resolution regarding distribution of culturable waste land in the State was unnecessarily claimed. |
| 3 | 12th November, 1954 .. | When discussion on the motion under Rule 12(3) (c) was not permitted. |
| 4 | 12th November, 1954 .. | During discussion on the Sikh Gurdwaras (Third Amendment) Bill, 1954, as a protest against the word 'stunt' used by a Member from the Treasury Benches. |
| 5 | 12th November, 1954 .. | On continuing the sitting of the Assembly after mid-night. |
| 6 | 12th November, 1954 .. | When the motion that the Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) Bill be passed, was carried by the House. |

## DIVISIONS

| Serial No. | Date on which claimed | Recorded/Not recorded | Occasion |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1st November, 1954 .. | Not Recorded .. | On the Amendment to Clause 6 of the Punjab Co-operative Societies Bill. |
| 2 | 2nd November, 1954 .. | Recorded (Ayes:63, Noes : 21) | On the official resolution seeking to ratify the amendment of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution proposed to be made by the Constitution (Third Amendment) Bill. |
| 3 | 4th November, 1954 .. | Not Recorded .. | On the non-official resolution re. distribution of culturable waste land in the State among the Harijans. |
| 4 | 5th November, 1954 .. | Recorded (Ayes:45, Noes:15) | On the motion for suspension of Rule 23. |
| | | *District Board (Temporary Constitution) Bill* | |
| 5 | 11th November, 1954.. | Not recorded .. | Reference to Select Committee |
| 6 | 11th November, 1954.. | Not recorded .. | (i) Amendment to clause 2. |
| 7 | 11th November, 1954.. | Not recorded .. | (ii) 2nd Amendment to clause 2. |
| 8 | 11th November, 1954.. | Not recorded .. | Closure on discussion of clause 2. |
| 9 | 12th November, 1954.. | Not recorded .. | Closure on discussion of clause 3. |
| 10 | 12th November, 1954.. | Not recorded .. | Closure on the discussion of the 3rd motion. |
| 11 | 12th November, 1954. | Recorded (Ayes: 56, Noes:16) | Third motion of the Punjab District Board (Temporary Constitution) Bill. |
| | | *Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation (Second Amendment) Bill* | |
| 12 | 12th November, 1954.. | Recorded (Ayes:57, Noes:16) | On Motion for consideration |
| 13 | 12th November, 1954.. | Recorded (Ayes:20, Noes:57) | Amendment to clause 2. |
| | | *Sikh Gurdwaras (Third Amendment) Bill* | |
| 14 | 12th November, 1954.. | Recorded (Ayes:41, Noes:12) | Closure on the discussion of the Third motion. |
| | | *Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) Bill* | |
| 15 | 12th November, 1954.. | Not recorded .. | (i) Amendment to clause 2. |
| 16 | 12th November, 1954.. | Not recorded | (ii) Closure on the discussion of clause 2. |
| 17 | 12th November, 1954.. | Not recorded .. | (iii) Clause 2 as amended put to the House. |
| 18 | 12th November, 1954.. | Not recorded . | (iv) Third motion of the Bill. |

***Statement showing the kind and quantity of translation work done during the Autumn Session, 1954.***

| | | Hindi | Punjabi |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Starred Questions from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 605 | 605 |
| 2. | Unstarred Questions from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 32 | 32 |
| 3. | Short Notice Questions .. | 6 | 6 |
| 4. | Resolutions from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 52 | 52 |
| 5. | Bills from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 17 | 17 |
| 6. | Lists of Business and Addendums translated into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 10 | 10 |
| 7. | Circular letters etc. translated into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 9 | 9 |
| 8. | Questions translated from Urdu, Hindi and Punjabi into English .. | 246 | |
| 9. | Letters and Resolution—translated from Urdu, Hindi and Punjabi into English .. | 7 | |

*Points of order and decisions thereon*

(i) On 12th November, 1954, regarding a resolution given notice of Sardar Ajmer Singh under Rule 139 disapproving Land Revenue Surcharge Ordinances (Nos. 3, 5 and 8), it being stated that time ought to have been allotted for a discussion of the resolution as it was a right given by the Constitution.

The Speaker observed that neither the Constitution nor the Rules laid it down as an obligation that when the notice of a resolution was pending a Bill on the same subject could not be proceeded with nor was there any legal provision by virtue of which the Bill was vitiated by an absence of discussion on the resolution.

(ii) On 12th November, 1954, regarding the alleged illegality of the sitting of the Assembly continuing after midnight in view of the wording of the motion:—

'That the proceedings on the items of business fixed for today be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Rule " Sittings of the Assembly "

It was contended that the Assembly could not legally sit after midnight and transact any business.

The Speaker ruled that the items of business fixed for the meeting of the Assembly on 12th November, 1954, were exempted by the decision of the Assembly itself without specifying any time limit from the provisions of the Rule " Sittings of the Assembly", and the business specified in the motion could not be interrupted but had to be completed before the Assembly could adjourn regardless of the hour He referred to the clear wording of Rule 12 and to May's Parliamentary practice He therefore overruled the objection and directed that the proceedings should continue.

**Ruling of the Speaker regarding references made by a Member to other authorities in connection with the dicisions of the Speaker on notices of adjournment motions**

Honourable Members, before we commence any further business I have to discharge my responsibility to you by bringing to your notice a matter in which one Member of this House addressed communications to Speakers of other Legislatures questioning the validity of the rulings of this Chair in regard to Adjournment Motions. It is only by doing so that I can vindicate the honour and authority of this House. You have to take great care to maintain and even to enhance the Speaker's prestige. If his prestige and authority have been jeopartdised *your* prestige and authority have suffered.

2. Honourable Members, by electing me to this office you have been pleased to entrust me with responsibilities in particular those of maintaining the multitude of your powers and privileges. Reflections on the actions of the Speaker are breaches of your privileges, the protection and preservation of which are the fundamentals of parliamentary democracy which, in this country, we have all chosen to follow. Were it not so, the common endeavour in which we all are close partners would be frittered away, and the object of Article 194 of our Constitution which defines our privileges would be completely frustrated.

3. It is axiomatic that none of us can, in the enjoyment of his individual privileges, offend against the individual privileges of others or the privileges of the Speaker, or the privileges of the House except the sacrifice of accepted canons of Parliamentary practice and procedure. The dignity and prestige of the Legislature and of its Presiding Officer as its representative—must not be violated, for, of all organs of the State, the Legislature is entitled to the highest pre-eminence.

4. We are able to discharge the responsibilities entrusted to us by regulating our debate and deliberations in accordance with procedure as contained in our Rules and practice which is governed by precedents. The interpretation of procedure and precedents is the prerogative of the Presiding Officer ; in our case, the Speaker, and the rulings that he gives, constitute precedents by which subsequent Speakers, Members and Officers are guided. I might add here that these rulings are not open to challenge by any one, for if it were otherwise the whole process of debate would degenerate into either uncertainty or confusion.

5. With this elucidation of parliamentary law and conventions I have to perform the distressing duty of placing before you the matter of the communication addressed by an Honourable Member of this House, namely, Pandit Shri Ram Sharma, on the subject of adjournment motions, to the Speakers of the Lok Sabha and of Legislative Assemblies in other States in which among other things he had said :—

> "It would be interesting to find that not a single adjournment motion has been held in order by the Speaker of the Punjab Legislative Assembly since the present Assembly came into being.
>
> Whether any of the following motions can ordinarily be considered in order."

and he had appended a list of about a dozen notices of adjournment motions which he had given to me during two days of the May Session of this year and which you will find from the proceedings of the Assembly had been disallowed by me on various grounds.

6. I cannot reconcile myself to a possible suggestion that so experienced a Member as Pandit Shri Ram Sharma is, would not have a clear idea of the law on the subject of adjournment motions. He should be aware of the potency of this constitutional weapon, and, on account of the consequences that might ensue from it, of the restrictions on the moving of such motions.

7. As is well-known the subject matter of such a motion must be definite, must be urgent, must be of public, as distinct from individual, importance, must relate to a recent happening, must involve more than the ordinary administration of law, must not be anticipatory and so on. It is not obligatory on the Speaker to read out the notice of the motions, if he holds that it is not admissible—he may even refuse the motion without assigning any reasons. Nevertheless, as a matter of courtesy I had been giving, at first a gist of each motion, later the whole motion itself and the reasons for which I held the motion inadmissible. That should have been the end of the matter.

8. The Honourable Member, however, unconstitutionally resorted to communications to other Speakers and by the wording of his letter not only challenged the decisions of the Speaker but also brought my late predecessor Dr. Satyapal as well as myself into contempt by implying accusations against us of partiality in the discharge of our duties. Such conduct on the part of a Member has, in large numbers of cases arising in the House of Commons, been held as amounting to a breach of privilege. Such cases date back to 1772 but I shall confine myself to recent cases only, such as, Mr. Wedgwood and Mr. Ginnel, C. J. (1911) 34, 36, H. C. Deb. (1911) 21, CC. 1435, 1553 ; Mr. Pointer H. C. Deb. (1911), 29, C. 34 ; and the Daily Worker C. J. (1937-38) 213.

9. Honourable Members, you are aware that our privileges, till they are defined by law, are the same as those of the British House of Commons and these cases, therefore, lay down the law in this connection in unmistakable terms.

10. The Honourable Member could have discussed the action of the Speaker, if he had so desired, on a substantive motion moved in the House and not by a communication addressed to others.

11. Honourable Members, your prestige, your powers, your rights and your privileges have been challenged by an affront offered to your Speaker. This affront, I view, not merely with a great deal of disapproval but also with grave concern, specially because an experienced Parliamentarian and old Member of this House has been responsible for it. His act of subjecting the Speaker's decisions to the scrutiny of an outside authority is tantamount to disrespect to the House and a challenge to our democratic institutions. Our democracy is yet in its infancy and any attempts to retard its growth have to be viewed with alarm and suitably checked. I, therefore, held that the Member has committed contempt of the House by his effort to hamper and harass the Chair in the performance of its functions impartially and constitutionally. I am not, however, referring this matter to any Committee for I have the inherent right to take action in matters of this nature without any previous order of the House. Accordingly, I administer a strong warning to him.

### *Unparliamentary Expressions*

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|---|---|---|
| " Khisa Katna " | .. | 11th November 1954. |
| Dhokha Dena " | .. | Ditto |
| 'Andhapan " | .. | Ditto |
| Bewaqoof " | .. | Ditto |

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PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA

# RESUME

OF

# Business transacted by the Vidhan Sabha

DURING

THE 9TH SESSION

**(December, 1954)**

*Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat, Chandigarh*
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# PREFACE

The following pages contain information in a consolidated form about the business transacted in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha during its 9th Session held on the 8th December, 1954.

Suggestions by Members for an improvement of such publications in future would be very greatly welcomed.

CHANDIGARH,
December 11, 1954.

KULDIP CHAND BEDI,
Secretary.

## SUMMONS

The 8th Session of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha was prorogued by Order of the Governor, dated the 25th November, 1954.

The ninth Session was summoned for the 8th December, 1954, by an Order of the Governor, dated the 25th November, 1954. The Vidhan Sabha sat only on the 8th of December and then adjourned *sine die*.

## NOMINATIONS BY THE SPEAKER

(i) to the Panel of Chairmen under Rule 11(1)—

Shrimati Shanno Devi;
Diwan Jagdish Chandra;
Shri Chand Ram;
Shri Maru Singh Malik.

(ii) to the Committee on Petitions under Rule 177—

Chaudhri Sarup Singh (Deputy Speaker) (*Chairman*)
Sardar Waryam Singh;
Diwan Jagdish Chandra;
Shrimati Sita Devi;
Principal Iqbal Singh.

## PAPERS LAID BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY

(i) A statement showing the Bills passed by the Legislature during its 8th Session and assented to by the President/Governor.

(ii) The amendments made in the Punjab Capital (Development and Regulation) Building Rules, 1952.

## ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Notices of five Adjournment Motions were received. Three were not in time. The other two which were in time were ruled out of order.

| Serial No. | Member giving Notice | Subject matter of the notice | Ground on which ruled out of order |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Pt. Shri Ram Sharma | Promulgation of Section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, in Hissar district, in connection with transfer of Deputy Superintendent of Police Bahal Singh | Related to judicial proceedings and the transfer of an officer was an ordinary administrative matter. |
| 2 | Ditto | Murders in Rohtak District | Speaker after the statement of the Chief Minister in this connection held that the matter was not of recent occurrence and that there were other remedies available. |

## QUESTIONS

Two fresh notices and sixty-five notices for the renewals of Starred Questions were received. None of them was in time.

Eighteen notices of Short notice Questions were also received.

The Question hour was, however, dispensed with by the Speaker.

## RESOLUTIONS

One fresh notice and nineteen renewal notices in respect of Resolutions were received, but were not in time.

## STATUTORY RESOLUTION

A notice for the renewal of the following motion was also received. It was put on the Agenda, but the Mover not being present, it was not moved:—

"That this House disapproves the Punjab Prevention of Ejectment Ordinance, 1954. (Ordinance No. 9 of 1954.)"

## LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

(i) The Punjab Prevention of Ejectment Bill, 1954.

The Report of the Joint Select Committee*on this Bill was presented by the Development Minister who moved that it be re-committed to the same Joint Select Committee with a direction to report to the House by the 15th March, 1955.

The Motion was before the Assembly for 150 minutes. Five Members from the Opposition and three from the Treasury Benches spoke for 80 and 49 minutes, respectively. The discussion ended on a closure moved and carried.

The Motion was declared carried as a result of a Division: 58 voting for and 13 against. It was transmitted to the Punjab Legislative Council the same day.

(ii) The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Third Amendment) Bill, 1954.

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*The Joint Select Committee to whom this Bill was referred on 12th November 1954 consisted of the following :—

**Punjab Legislative Assembly (Vidhan Sabha)**

(1) Shri Bhim Sen Sachar, Chief Minister.
(2) Sardar Partap Singh Kairon, Minister for Development.
(3) Chaudhri Lahri Singh, Minister for Irrigation and Power.
(4) Shri Devi Lal, M.L.A.
(5) Jathedar Mohan Singh, M.L.A.
(6) Shri Mool Chand Jain, M.L.A.
(7) Shri Chand Ram, M.L.A.
(8) Shrimati Dr. Parkash Kaur, M.L.A.
(9) Sardar Ajmer Singh, M.L.A.
(10) Comrade Ram Kishan, M.L.A.
(11) Shri Daulat Ram Sharma, M.L.A.
(12) Sardar Partap Singh Rai, M.L.A.
(13) Sardar Harkishen Singh Surjit, M.L.A.
(14) Chaudhri Sri Chand, M.L.A.

The Bill was introduced and moved for consideration by the Development Minister. The Bill was before the Assembly for 15 minutes. Three Members from the Opposition Benches made short speeches. The Development Minister also spoke for a few minutes while moving the Bill and again on the Third Reading. The Bill was passed and transmitted to the Punjab Legislative Council the same day.

## OTHER MOTIONS

(i) Motion for the suspension of Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly and transacting Government business on Thursday, the 9th December, 1954, was moved by the Chief Minister. After a discussion lasting 21 minutes in which five Members from the Opposition speaking for 12 minutes and one Member from the Treasury Benches speaking for 9 minutes, the Motion was carried.

(ii) The Motion that the Assembly at its rising this day shall stand adjourned *sine die*, was carried without discussion.

## DIVISION

A Division when the Motion that ' The Punjab Prevention of Ejectment Bill, 1954, as reported on by the Joint Select Committee be re-committed to the same Joint Select Committee' was put to the House was claimed by the Opposition, and recorded.

## TOTAL NUMBER OF SPEECHES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (i) Treasury | .. | 9 |
| (ii) Opposition | .. | 15 |

## TOTAL TIME TAKEN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| (i) Treasury | .. | .. | 1 hour and 5 minutes |
| (ii) Opposition | .. | .. | 1 hour and 46 minutes |

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(15) **Thakur Mehar Singh, M.L.A.**
(16) **Shri Teg Ram, M.L.A.**
(17) **Shri Sadhu Ram, M.L.A.**
(18) **Shri Dharam Vir Vasisht, M.L.A.**

**Punjab Legislative Council.**

(1) **Sardar Ujjal Singh, Minister for Finance.**
(2) **Shri Ram Chandra, M.L.C.**
(3) **Sardar Naginder Singh, M.L.C.**
(4) **Pandit Ram Dhan Sharma, M.L.C.**
(5) **Sardar Ramdayal Singh, M.L.C.**
(6) **Shri Bashir-ud-Din, M.L.C.**
(7) **Sardar Gulab Singh, M.L.C.**

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PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA

# RESUME

OF

# Business transacted by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha

DURING

**The Budget Session, 1955**

(*10th Session*)

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## PREFACE

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| CHANDIGARH: | KULDIP CHAND BEDI, |
| The 31st May 1955. | Secretary. |

## PROGRAMME OBSERVED BY THE PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA DURING THE BUDGET SESSION HELD FROM 1ST MARCH TO 22ND APRIL 1955.

| Date | Programme observed |
|---|---|
| 1st March, 1955 .. | Governor's Address to the Members of both the Houses assembled together. |
| 2nd March, 1955 .. | (i) Presentation of Supplementary Estimates (Second Instalment) 1954-55.<br>(ii) Discussion on the Governor's Address. |
| 3rd March, 1955 .. | Non-official Business—<br>Discussion on the Resolution—<br>"In view of the extreme backwardness of the people of Kangra District in matters of education, of the lack of adequate drinking water facilities and of suitable means of transport and communications, of proper means of irrigation, of lack of any kind of industry and of their inadequate representation in Government services, this Assembly recommends to the Government that it should itself make funds available, and if necessary, approach the Union Government for the purpose, for a proper and planned development of the district and it further recommends that special concessions be granted to the people of this area in the matters of admissions to all Government or Government-aided institutions and of appointments to services." |
| 4th March, 1955 .. | Resumption of Discussion on the Governor's Address. |
| 5th March, 1955 .. | (i) Motion regarding recommittal of the Punjab Hindu Dharam Asthan Bill, 1952 (originated in the Council), to the same Joint Select Committee with instructions to submit its final report by April 2, 1955.<br>(ii) Voting of Supplementary Demands. |
| 6th March, 1955 to 9th March, 1955 .. | Holidays. |
| 10th March, 1955 .. | Non-official Business—Bills<br>(1) The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1955.<br>(2) The Punjab State Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill, 1953. |
| 11th March, 1955 .. | Presentation of Budget for the year 1955-56. |
| 12th March, 1955 to 13th March, 1955 .. | Off days. |
| 14th March, 1955 .. | (i) Presentation of special report of Joint Select Committee on the Punjab Prevention of Ejectment Bill, 1954.<br>(ii) The Punjab Appropriation (No. I) Bill, 1955. |

| Date | Programme observed |
|---|---|
| | (iii) General discussion of the Budget for the year 1955-56.<br>*Note.* The Sabha had approved on the 10th March 1955 the time table drawn up by the Speaker in consultation with the Leader for the Business on this day as follows :—<br>Questions .. One hour.<br>Appropriation (No. I) Bill (on Supplementary Estimates 1954-55, Second Instalment) Not more than 1½ hours.<br>The balance of time .. Discussion of the Budget. |
| 15th March, 1955 .. | Resumption of General Discussion of the Budget. |
| 16th March, 1955 .. | Resumption of General Discussion of the Budget. |
| 17th March, 1955 .. | Government Demands for Grants (Demands Nos. 7, 8, and 9). |
| 18th March, 1955 to 20th March, 1955 | Interval. |
| 21st March, 1955 .. | Resumption of discussion on Government Demands for Grants (Demands Nos. 7, 8 and 9). |
| 22rd March, 1955 .. | Government Demand for Grant (Demand No. 15). |
| 23rd March, 1955 .. | Government Demand for Grant (Demand No. 20). |
| 24th March, 1955 .. | Non-official Business—<br>Resumption of discussion on the following resolution moved on 3rd March 1955 :—<br>"In view of the extreme backwardness of the people of Kangra District in matters of education, of the lack of adequate drinking water facilities and of suitable means of transport and communications, of proper means of irrigation, of lack of any kind of industry and of their inadequate respresentation in Government services, this Assembly recommends to the Government that it should itself make funds available, and if necessary approach the Union Government for the purpose, for a proper and planned development of the district and it further recommends that special concessions be granted to the people of this area in the matters of admissions to all Government or Government-aided institutions and of appointments to services."<br>Other Resolutions—<br>(i) "This Assembly recommends to the Government to introduce Technical Training for different vocations in all the Post-Primary Schools in the State."<br>(ii) " This Assembly recommends to the Government to exempt such land-owners in the State from the payment of land revenue as are paying five rupees or less than five rupees as land revenue." |
| 25th March, 1955 .. | Government Demand for Grant (Demand No. 10) |

| Date | Programme observed |
|---|---|
| 26th March, 1955 to 27th March, 1955 .. | Off days. |
| 28th March, 1955 .. | (i) Resumption of discussion on Government Demand for Grant (Demand No. 10).<br>(ii) Other Demands for Grants. |
| 29th March, 1955 .. | The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1955. |
| 30th March, 1955 .. | (i) The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1955.<br>(ii) The Punjab Motor Spirit (Taxation of Sales) (Amendment) Bill, 1955.<br>(iii) The Punjab Cinemas (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1955.<br>(iv) The Punjab Departmental Enquiries (Powers) Bill, 1955.<br>(v) The Punjab Registration Validating Bill, 1955.<br>(vi) The Bengal Chaukidari Act (Punjab Repeal) Bill, 1955. |
| 31st March, 1955 to 17th April, 1955 .. | Adjournment of the Sabha. |
| 18th April, 1955 .. | (i) The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1955.<br>(ii) The Punjab Public Service Commission (Additional Functions) Bill, 1955.<br>(iii) The Punjab Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights (Amendment) Bill, 1955.<br>(iv) Motion by Pandit Shri Ram Sharma and others regarding repeal of the order of the Governor relating to the addition to Schedules B and C referred to in regulations 5 and 6 respectively of the Punjab and North-West Frontier Province Joint Public Service Commission (Limitation of Functions) Regulations, namely, 50 per cent of the posts of Block Development Officers under the National Extension Service Scheme. |
| 19th April, 1955 .. | (i) Resumption of discussion on the motion mentioned at item (iv) against 18th April, 1955.<br>(ii) The Punjab Security of Land Tenures (Amendment) Bill, 1955. |
| 20th April, 1955 .. | Off day. |
| 21st April, 1955 .. | (i) Motion regarding recommittal of the Punjab Hindu Dharam Asthan Bill, 1952 (originated in the Council), to the same Joint Select Committee with instructions to submit its final report by 30th September 1955.<br>(ii) The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1955, as amended by the Punjab Legislative Council.<br>(iii) Resumption of discussion on the motion that the Punjab Security of Land Tenures (Amendment) Bill be taken into consideration at once ; |
| 22nd April, 1955 .. | Resumption of consideration of the Punjab Security of Land Tenures (Amendment) Bill, 1955 . |

*Note.* Each day the first hour was devoted to questions except on the 16th and 28th March, 21st and 22nd April, 1955, when the question hour was dispensed with.

## SUMMONS AND SITTINGS

The Ninth Session having been prorogued by an Order of the Governor dated the 15th December 1954, the Punjab Vidhan Sabha was summoned to meet for its 10th Session on the 1st March 1955, by an order dated the 5th February 1955, and continued to meet, with an interval of 18 days from the 31st March 1955 to the 17th April 1955, till the 22nd April 1955, when it adjourned *sine die*, having held, during this period a total number of 23 sittings. On Thursdays, the 3rd, 10th and the 24th of March 1955, business other than Government business was transacted.

## PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

On 2nd March 1955, the Speaker nominated to the **Panel of Chairmen** under Rule 11 (1) :—

(1) Shrimati Dr. Parkash Kaur.
(2) Sardar Partap Singh Rattakhera.
(3) Dewan Jagdish Chandra.
(4) Sardar Sarup Singh.

## COMMITTEES

### I. Nomination by the Speaker.

(i) on 2nd March, 1955, to the **Committee on Petitions** under rule 177 :—

(1) Chaudhri Sarup Singh, Deputy Speaker (*Ex-officio Chairman*).
(2) Sardar Sarup Singh.
(3) Shrimati Shanno Devi.
(4) Sardar Waryam Singh.
(5) Bhagat Guran Das Hans.

(ii) on 29th March, 1955, to the **Rules Committee** under Rule 172-A :—

(1) Sardar Gurbachan Singh Bajwa.
(2) Chaudhri Lahri Singh.
(3) Sardar Gopal Singh Khalsa.
(4) Shri D. D. Puri.
(5) Jathedar Mohan Singh.
(6) Sardar Harkishan Singh Surjit.
(7) Comrade Ram Kishen.
besides himself,

with Sardar Gurbachan Singh Bajwa acting as Chairman in his absence.

(iii) on 29th March 1955 to the **Committee on Government Assurances** under Rule 172-D :—

(1) Shri Mool Chand Jain (*Chairman*).
(2) Dewan Jagdish Chandra.
(3) Shrimati Dr. Parkash Kaur.
(4) Shri Chand Ram Ahlawat.
(5) Sardar Darbara Singh.
(6) Rao Abhai Singh.
(7) Shri Gopi Chand.
(8) Sardar Shamsher Singh.
(9) Sardar Chanan Singh Dhut.

(iv) on 29th March 1955 to the **Library Committee**, under Rule 172-B :—

(1) Dewan Jagdish Chandra (*Chairman*).
(2) Shrimati Shanno Devi.
(3) Shri Mani Ram Bagri.
(4) Principal Iqbal Singh.
(5) Principal Harbhajan Singh.
(6) Principal Rala Ram.

(v) on 29th March, 1955 to the **House Committee**, under Rule 173 :—

(1) Chaudhri Sarup Singh, Deputy Speaker (*Ex-officio Chairman*).
(2) Shri Gopi Chand Gupta.
(3) Shri Naranjan Dass Dhiman.
(4) Shri Lal Chand Prarthi.
(5) Sardar Sarup Singh.

### II. Election by the Sabha

(i) on 29th March, 1955, to the **Committee on Public Accounts** for 1955-56 under Rule 170 :—

(1) Shri Rizaq Ram, M.L.A. (*Chairman*).
(2) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan.

(3) Shri Benarsi Dass Gupta.
(4) Shri Gopi Chand Gupta.
(5) Shri Kedar Nath Saigal.
(6) Shri Mehar Singh.
(7) Jathedar Mohan Singh.
(8) Sardar Sarup Singh.
(9) Shrimati Shanno Devi.

In this Session the Punjab Vidhan Sabha recommended to the Punjab Legislative Council in a motion moved and carried to agree to nominate 3 members from the Council to associate with this Committee of the Sabha and to communicate the names of the Members so nominated. The Punjab Legislative Council concurred in the motion and nominated the following :—

(1) Shri Mohan Lal, Advocate.
(2) Shri A. C. Bali.
(3) Bhai Jodh Singh.

(ii) on 29th March, 1955, and 18th April, 1955, to the **Committee on Estimates**, under Rule 172(2) and Rule 172 (4) of the Rules of Procedure :—

(1) Shri Som Datta Bahri (*Chairman*).
(2) Master Daulat Ram.
(3) Shri Dev Raj Sethi.
(4) Sardar Hari Singh.
(5) Shri Hari Ram.
(6) Shrimati Dr. Parkash Kaur.
(7) Shri Ram Parkash.
(8) Sardar Achhar Singh Chhina.
(9) Principal Iqbal Singh.

*Note.* At the first election only seven Members were elected.

## III. JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE

On the 10th March 1955, the Motion referring the Punjab State Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill, 1953, to a **Joint Select Committee** was carried by the Assembly. It was concurred in by the Punjab Legislative Council on the 21st April, 1955

The following were nominated by the Assembly to serve on this Joint Select Committee :—

(1) Shri Jagat Narain, Minister for Health and Transport (*Chairman*).
(2) Shrimati Sita Devi.
(3) Shri Harnam Singh Sethi.
(4) Shrimati Dr. Parkash Kaur.
(5) Shri Abhai Singh.
(6) Sardar Sohan Singh.
(7) Master Daulat Ram.
(8) Shri Ram Kishan.
(9) Shri Som Datta Bahri.

(10) Shri Mehar Singh.
(11) Shrimati Shanno Devi.
(12) Shri Kedar Nath Saigal.
(13) Sardar Achhar Singh Chhina.
(14) Chaudhri Rizaq Ram.
(15) Shri Mohan Lal Datta.
(16) Shri Chandan Lal Jaura.
(17) Comrade Ram Chandra.
(18) Dewan Jagdish Chandra.

The following were nominated by the Punjab Legislative Council :—

(1) Shri Ram Chandra.
(2) Dr. Dina Nath Saggar.
(3) Chaudhri Ude Singh.
(4) Shri Yashpal.
(5) Seth Premsukh Dass.
(6) Shri Yashwant Rai.
(7) Chaudhri Sahib Ram.

## INTER-LEGISLATURE ASSOCIATION

On the 3rd March, 1955, the Speaker placed the proposal relating to the formation of an Inter-Legislature Association before the Sabha which approved of it unanimously.

## GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

The Governor addressed Members of both the Houses assembled together on Monday, the 1st of March, 1955, at 2 p.m.

The Speaker laid a copy of the Governor's Address before the Sabha on 2nd March, 1955.

The Motion of Thanks on the Address was moved and seconded on the 2nd of March 1955. It was discussed on the 2nd and 4th of March, 1955.

Twenty-two Members took part in the discussion, ten from the Opposition and twelve from the Treasury Benches speaking for 138 and 240 minutes, respectively.

Twenty-three amendments, ten by the Opposition and thirteen by the Treasury Benches, were moved to the motion.

Eleven of them, all by the Treasury Benches, were withdrawn at the time of voting and twelve (10 by the Opposition and 2 by the Treasury Benches) were negatived.

The Motion was carried on the 4th of March, 1955, without any division It was communicated by the Speaker to the Governor the same day, whose acknowledgement thereof was read out to the Sabha on the 14th March, 1955.

# FINANCIAL BUSINESS (SUPPLEMENTARY)

## 1. SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (SECOND INSTALMENT) 1954-55

Supplementary Estimates (Second Instalment) 1954-55 were presented to the Sabha on 2nd March, 1955 and discussed and voted on the 5th March 1955.

There were 21 demands in all, totalling a sum of Rs 4,34,69,930.

Demands Nos. 1 and 3 were carried without any discussion. Demands Nos. 7 to 21 were carried after guillotine. Twelve notices of amendments, 8 from the Treasury Benches and 4 from the Opposition to these Demands had been received.

Demands Nos. 2, 4, 5 and 6 were carried after discussion, the amendments proposed thereto were either negatived or withdrawn. Please see the table below :—

| Demand No. | Subject | *No. of Speakers* | | *Time taken in minutes* | | *Amendments* | | Not moved | Withdrawn | Lost |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Try. | Opp. | Try. | Opp. | Try. | Opp. | | | |
| 2 | 18—Other Irrigation Expenditure financed from Ordinary Revenue (Excluding Establishment Charges) .. | 10 | 1 | 55 | 5 | 2 | 1 | .. | 2 | 1 |
| 4 | 25—General Administration | 5 | 2 | 21 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | .. |
| 5 | 29—Police .. | .. | 1 | .. | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | .. | 1 |
| 6 | 37—Education .. | 3 | .. | 10 | .. | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. |

## 2. APPROPRIATION (NO. 1) BILL, 1955

Appropriation (No. 1) Bill (Bill No. 6), 1955, in respect of Supplementary Demands granted by the Sabha on the 5th March, 1955, was introduced on the 14th March 1955.

It was before the Sabha for 36 minutes. Four Members took part in the discussion, 2 from the Opposition and 2 from the Treasury Benches speaking for 13 minutes and 21 minutes, respectively.

The Bill was passed.

## BUDGET

The Budget was presented by the Finance Minister with a speech on the 11th March, 1955.

### (I) General Discussion

General discussion on the Budget took place on the 14th, 15th and 16th March, 1955, for 163 minutes (Treasury 67 minutes and Opposition 96 minutes). 199 minutes (Treasury 85 minutes and Opposition 114 minutes) and 266 minutes (Treasury 214 minutes and Opposition 52 minutes), respectively.

Thirty-two Members (13 from the Opposition and 19 from the Treasury Benches) participated in it.

### (II) Demands

There were in all 42 Demands for Grants totalling Rs. 97,21,82,380.

Demands Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, and 20 were individually discussed. Demands Nos. 7, 8 and 9 at the request of the Minister-in-charge and the Members were moved and discussed together. They were, however, voted upon separately. The number of amendments moved and the number of speeches made thereon together with the dates on which these were discussed are given in the table below :—

| Serial No. | Demand No. | Subject | Date on which discussed | No. of Speakers | | Time taken in minutes | | Amendments | | Amendments | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Try | Opp | Try | Opp | Try | Opp | Withdrawn | Lost |
| 1 | 7 | Irrigation (Works) .. | 17-3-55 | 9 | 4 | 128 | 68 | 15 | 8 | 8 | 15 |
| | 8 | Irrigation (Establishment) | and | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9 | 5 | 6 | 8 |
| | 9 | Irrigation (Capital) .. | 21-3-55 | 12 | 5 | 139 | 56 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 8 |
| 2 | 15 | Education .. | 22-3-55 | 8 | 6 | 169 | 71 | 28 | 11 | 20 | 19 |
| 3 | 20 | Industries .. | 23-3-55 | 10 | 5 | 124 | 38 | 17 | 7 | 13 | 11 |
| 4 | 10 | General Administration .. | 25-3-55 | 6 | 3 | 65 | 67 | 27 | 10 | 16 | 23 |
| | | | and 28-3-55 | 7 | 3 | 130 | 42 | 2 | Nil | | |

The rest of the demands numbering 36 were put to the Sabha on the 28th March on Guillotine and were carried. Notices of 28 amendments to these

demands (8 from the Opposition and 20 from the Treasury Benches) had been received.

III. APPROPRIATION (NO. 2) BILL (BILL NO. 8), 1955, ON THE 29TH MARCH, 1955 IN RESPECT OF THE BUDGET DEMANDS ALREADY VOTED.

After the Bill was moved for consideration a Member of the Opposition was called upon to open the discussion. Who having made a few observations started levelling charges against the conduct of a Minister, and refering to a written document. The Speaker observed that if the Member wanted to bring forth any charges against a Minister he could do so only on a substantive motion. Nevertheless the Member continued his attempt to level charges and began reading from a written document amidst noise from all sides of the House and would not resume his seat notwithstanding repeated orders of the Speaker. The Speaker thereupon directed the Serjeant-at-Arms to go and convey his message to the Member to resume his seat and bring the document from him. The Serjeant misunderstanding the orders of the Speaker forcibly took the papers and brought them to the Speaker, whereupon there was grave disorder and the Speaker adjourned the House till 4-30 p.m.

At 4-30 p.m., when the House re-assembled to take up consideration of the Appropriation Bill the Speaker made a statement about the circumstances which had led him to adjourn the House.

A Member of one of the Opposition groups sought to raise a question of privilege in connection with the 'Snatching away' of the document by the Serjeant-at-Arms to which the Speaker did not give his consent in view of the observations that he had already made, whereupon all the Members of the Opposition Groups staged a walk-out.

The Bill was in all discussed for 44 minutes, and passed.

## LEGISLATION

The Sabha addressed itself to legislative measures on the 30th of March and 18th to 22nd April and passed the following Bills in addition to the two Appropriation Bills, one in respect of Supplementary Estimates, and the other in respect of Budget Estimates which it had already passed. The following table in this connection may be perused :—

| Serial No. | Title of the Bill | Date of introduction | Date of reference to Select/Joint Select Committee | Date of presentation of Report of the Committee | Number of speeches: Treasury | Number of speeches: Opposition | Time Taken: Treasury | Time Taken: Opposition | Amendments proposed: Treasury | Amendments proposed: Opposition | Amendments not moved: Treasury | Amendments not moved: Opposition | Amendments withdrawn | Amendments lost | Amendments held out of order | Amendments carried: Treasury | Amendments carried: Opposition | Total time taken for disposal | Date of passing | Date of transmission to the Council | Date of receipt back from the Council | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | | | | | | | h. m. | h. m. | | | | | | | | | | h. m. | | | | |
| 1 | The Punjab Prevention of Ejectment Bill, 1954 .. | 12-11-54 | 12-11-54 to J.S.C. | 14-3-55 (Special Report) | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 1 | .. | .. | .. | |
| 2 | The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 1955 .. | 14-3-55 | .. | .. | 2 | 2 | 0 21 | 0 13 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 37 | 14-3-55 | 14-3-55 | 15-3-55 | |
| 3 | The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1955 .. | 29-3-55 | .. | .. | 3 | 1 | 0 28 | 0 16 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 26 | 29-3-55 | 29-3-55 | 30-3-55 | |
| 4 | The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1955 | 30-3-55 | .. | .. | 16 | 4 | 1 18 | 0 23 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 1 44 | 30-3-55 | 30-3-55 | *19-4-55 (with amendment) | *Note. The amendment made by the Council was agreed to by the Vidhan Sabha on 21st April 1955 without any debate. |
| 5 | The Punjab Motor Spirit (Taxation of Sales) (Amendment) Bill, 1955 | 30-3-55 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 0 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 2 | 30-3-55 | 30-3-55 | 19-4-55 | |
| 6 | The Punjab Cinemas (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1955 | 30-3-55 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 0 ½ | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 1 | 30-3-55 | 30-3-55 | 19-4-55 | |
| 7 | The Punjab Departmental Enquiries (Powers) Bill, 1955 | 30-3-55 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 0 1 | 0 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 7 | 30-3-55 | 30-3-55 | 19-4-55 | |
| 8 | The Punjab Registration Validating Bill, 1955 .. | 30-3-55 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 0 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 4 | 30-3-55 | 30-3-55 | 19-4-55 | |
| 9 | The Bengal Chaukidari Act (Punjab Repeal) Bill, 1955 | 30-3-55 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 0 1½ | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 3 | 30-3-55 | 30-3-55 | 20-4-55 | |
| 10 | The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1955 | 18-4-55 | .. | .. | 4 | 2 | 0 8 | 0 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 15 | 18-4-55 | 18-4-55 | 20-4-55 | |
| 11 | The Punjab Public Service Commission (Additional Functions) Bill, 1955 | 18-4-55 | .. | .. | 9 | 6 | 0 48 | 0 40 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 31 | 18-4-55 | 18-4-55 | 20-4-55 | |
| 12 | The Punjab Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) (Amendment) Bill, 1955 | 18-4-55 | .. | .. | 7 | 4 | 0 19 | 0 16 | .. | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 0 38 | 18-4-55 | 18-4-55 | 20-4-55 | |
| 13 | The Punjab Security of Land Tenures (Amendment) Bill, 1955 | 19-4-55 | .. | .. | 43 | 34 | 5 21 | 4 35 | 52 | 44 | 17 | 9 | 10 | 42 | 12 | 6 | .. | 10 45 | 22-4-55 | 22-4-55 | 23-4-55 | |

# PRIVATE LEGISLATION ON 10TH MARCH 1955.

## 1. THE PUNJAB GRAM PANCHAYAT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1955.

Objection being taken on a point of order by the Public Works Minister that this Bill required the recommendation of the Governor under Article 207(1) and that it could not be introduced without his prior recommendation to that effect and the objection being upheld by the Speaker, leave to introduce this Bill was not sought by Sardar Harkishan Singh Surjit.

## 2. THE PUNJAB STATE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' REGISTRATION BILL, 1953.

On 10th March 1955 this Bill, which had been introduced in the Sabha by Shrimati Sita Devi on 1st April, 1954. was referred to a Joint Select Committee of both the Houses to report by the 15th September, 1955.

## RESOLUTIONS

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|---|---|---|
| Number of Notices received .. | 197 | |
| Number of Resolutions admitted .. | 173 | 132 Treasury Benches<br>41 Opposition |
| Number of Resolutions disallowed .. | 18 | 13 Treasury Benches<br>5 Opposition |
| Number of Resolutions referred back | 6 | |
| Number of Resolutions renewed .. | 56 | 24 Treasury Benches<br>32 Opposition |
| Total Number of admitted Resolutions | 229 | 156 Treasury Benches<br>73 Opposition |
| Number of Ballots held .. | 4 | (for 3rd, 17th, 24th and 31st March, 1955) |
| Dates on which Ballots held .. .. | | (24th February, 12th, 18th and 25th March 1955) |
| Number of Resolutions Ballotted each time. | 10 | |

No Resolutions were taken up on the 17th of March and 21st April, 1955. Instead Government business was transacted on these days.

No Resolutions could be taken up on the 31st of March, as the Sabha adjourned on the 30th of March to the 18th of April, 1955 and no ballot was held for the 21st April, as notice under Rule 23 had already been received.

No Resolutions were ballotted for the 10th March, 1955 although Business other than that of Government was to be transacted on this day as the Speaker had under the Proviso to Clause 2 of Rule 23 directed on 12th February 1955 that Bills shall be taken up on this day.

## RESOLUTIONS MOVED

### ON 3RD MARCH, 1955, by BAKSHI PARTAP SINGH

"In view of the extreme backwardness of the people of Kangra District in matters of education, of the lack of adequate drinking water facilities and of suitable means of transport and communications, of proper means of irrigation, of lack of any kind of industry and of their inadequate representation in Government services, this Assembly recommends to the Government that it should itself make funds available, and if necessary approach the Union Government for the purpose for a proper and planned development of the district and it further recommends that special concessions be granted to the people of this area in the matters of admissions to all Government or Government-aided institutions and of appointments to services."

who while moving spoke for 13 minutes.

Notices of 22 amendments to the resolution had been received which were deemed to have been moved.

Fourteen Members (11 from the Treasury Benches and 3 from the Opposition speaking for 120 and 31 minutes respectively) took part in the discussion lasting for 151 minutes excluding the time taken by the mover, and by the Minister for Development who spoke for 43 minutes on 3rd March 1955.

The discussion on this resolution was carried over to 24th March, 1955 with the Minister for Development resuming his unfinished speech. He spoke for 5 minutes.

Amendments were put one by one, 6 were carried, 14 were lost and 2 were not put as decisions on identical motions had already been given.

The resolution, as amended, was carried in the following terms :—

"In view of the extreme backwardness of the people of Kangra District, Tehsil Una of Hoshiarpur District, Bhiwani Tehsil of Hissar District Naraingarh Tehsil and other sub-mountainous and backward parts of Ambala District, Jhajjar Tehsil of Rohtak District, Rewari Tehsil and undeveloped parts of Gurgaon District, Kaithal Tehsil of Karnal District, Bet Area in Thana Kanuan, Tehsil and District Gurdaspur and Shahpur Kandi, Gurdaspur District, in matters of education, of the lack of adequate drinking water facilities and of suitable means of transport and communications, of proper means of irrigation, of lack of any kind of industry and of their inadequate representation in Government services, this Assembly recommends to the Government that it should itself make funds available, and if necessary approach the Union Government for the purpose, for a proper and planned development of the said areas and it further recommends that special concessions be granted to the people of these areas in the matters of admissions to all Government or Government aided institutions and of appointments to services".

2. ON 24th MARCH, 1955, by SARDAR PARTAP SINGH RAI:

"This Assembly recommends to the Government to introduce Technical Training for different vocations in all the Post-Primary Schools in the State"

who, while moving , did not make a speech.

One Member from the Opposition and Seven Members from the Treasury Benches including two who moved their amendments speaking for 5 and 7 minutes, respectively, took part in the discussion in which the Opposition spoke for 7 minutes and the Members of the Treasury Benches for 53 minutes.

The discussion terminated on a closure moved and carried.

The Minister for Development replying to the debate spoke for 8 minutes.

One amendment was carried, the other was, by leave, withdrawn.

The Resolution, as amended, was carried in the following terms :—

"This Assembly recommends to the Government to make provision for Technical Training for different vocations in the Higher Secondary stage of all Secondary Schools in the State."

3. ON 24th MARCH, 1955, by SHRI DAULAT RAM SHARMA :

"This Assembly recommends to the Government to exempt such land-owners in the State from the payment of land revenue as are paying five rupees or less than five rupees as land revenue."

who, while moving, spoke for 6 minutes.

Three Members from the Opposition and eight Members from the Treasury Benches including one who moved his amendment speaking for 9 minutes took part in the discussion, the former speaking for 12 minutes and the latter for 46 minutes.

The Minister for Development replied to the debate speaking for 34 minutes.

The amendment having been withdrawn, the Resolution, as moved, was carried.

## Papers presented to/laid before the Sabha.

The following papers were presented to/laid before the Sabha :—

| Serial No. | By whom presented | Date on which presented to/laid | Subject |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Speaker .. | 2nd March, 1955 | Governor's Address under Rule 13 (1) of the Rules of Procedure. |
| 2 | Secretary .. | Ditto | Statement showing the Bills passed by the Punjab State Legislature during its November, 1954 Session (8th Session) and December, 1954, Session (9th Session) and assented to by the President/Governor. |
| 3 | Secretary .. | Ditto | Statement showing action taken against corrupt officials in the State during the period from 1st January, 1953 to 31st December, 1953. |
| 4 | Chief Minister .. | Ditto .. | The Punjab Entertainment Tax (Cinematograph Shows) Rules, 1954, made under the Punjab Entertainment Tax (Cinematograph Shows) Act, 1954, as required by Section 19 (3) of the said Act. |
| 5 | Education Minister | Ditto .. | The Rules made under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, as required by Section 133(3) of the said Act. |
| 6 | Chief Minister .. | Ditto .. | Supplementary Estimates (Second Instalment) 1954-55. |
| 7 | Chairman, Estimates Committee | Ditto .. | Report of the Committee on Estimates on Supplementary Estimates (Second Instalment) 1954-55. |
| 8 | Finance Minister | 5th March, 1955 .. | The amendment made in the Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Rules, 1954, as required by subsection (3) of Section 22 of the Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Act, 1953. |
| 9 | Finance Minister | 11th March, 1955 | Budget for the Year 1955-56. |
| 10 | Development Minister | 14th March, 1955 | Special Report of Joint Select Committee on the Punjab Prevention of Ejectment Bill, 1954 |

| Serial No. | By whom presented | Date on which presented to/laid | Subject |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11 | Chairman, Estimates Committee | 25th March, 1955 | Report of the Committee on Estimates on the Budget Estimates for the year 1954-55. |
| 12 | Finance Minister | 29th March, 1955 | The addition made by the Governor to Schedule B and C referred to in regulations 5 and 6 respectively of the Punjab and North-West Frontier Province Joint Public Service Commission (Limitation of Functions) Regulations, as required by clause (5) of Article 320 of the Constitution. |
| 13 | Chief Minister .. | 18th April, 1955 | Annual Report on the working of the Punjab Public Service Commission for the period from the 1st April, 1952, to the 31st March, 1953, as presented to the Governor under Article 323 (2) of the Constitution, together with a memorandum explaining the reasons for the non-acceptance of the advice of the Commission. |
| 14 | Chief Minister .. | Ditto .. | Annual Report on the working of the Punjab Public Service Commission for the period from the 1st April, 1953, to the 31st March, 1954, as presented to the Governor under Article 323 (2) of the Constitution. |
| 15 | Secretary .. | Ditto .. | Statement showing the Bills passed by the Punjab State Legislature during its November 1954, Session (8th Session) and its current Session) (10th Session), and assented to by the President/Governor. |
| 16 | Secretary .. | 19th April, 1955 | The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1955 as returned by the Council with amendment as required by Rule 2 of the Punjab State Legislature (Communications) Rules, 1952. |

## ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Notices of ten adjournment motions as stated below were received out of which one (at No. 8) was held in order but leave to move the same was refused by the Sabha as the requisite number of Members in favour of leave being granted did not rise.

| Serial No. | Member/Members giving notice | Date | Subject-matter | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Pt. Shri Ram Sharma | 2nd March, 1955 | Re. Corruption case against the Executive Officer, Municipal Committee, Sonepat. | Ruled out of order on the ground that the Member would get ample opportunities to discuss the matter during the discussion of the Governor's Address and the Budget. |
| 2 | Ditto .. | Ditto .. | Re. Promulgation of Section 144, Cr. P. C. for another two months by the District Magistrate, Rohtak. | Ditto |
| 3 | Ditto .. | Ditto .. | Re. Industrial unrest at Amritsar owing to the alleged non-implementation of the decision arrived at among the workers, mill-owners and the Government in the industrial dispute. | Ditto |
| 4 | S. Achhar Singh Chhina<br>Shri Wadhawa Ram<br>S. Darshan Singh<br>S. Chanan Singh Dhut | Ditto .. | Re. Prevention of workers and peasants for visiting Chandigarh for the redress of their grievances owing to the imposition of Section 144, Cr. P.C. from the day of the opening of the Budget Session | Ditto |

| Serial No. | Member/ Members giving notice | Date | Subject-matter | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | Shri Wadhawa Ram<br>S. Achhar Singh Chhina<br>S. Darshan Singh<br>S. Chanan Singh Dhut | 2nd March, 1955 | Re. Alleged failure of Government to intervene to end lock-outs in Niemla Finishing Mills and Mehra Textile Mills, Amritsar. | Ruled out of order on the ground that the Member would get ample opportunities to discuss the matter during the discussion of the Governor's Address and the Budget. |
| 6 | S. Khem Singh | 30th March, 1955 | Re. Alleged forcible entangling of Harijans of Amritsar District by S.S.P. Amritsar, in the criminal cases. | Ruled out of order on the grounds that the motion was vague and did not relate to a single specific matter of recent occurrence. |
| 7 | S. Achhar Singh Chhina | 18th April, 1955 | Re. The arrest of Kisans and Kisan Sabha Workers in Karnal District. | Ruled out of order on the ground that the matter was not of recent occurrence and could have been discussed during the Budget Discussion and further that it was not raised on the first availabe opportunity i. e. 30th March, 1955. |
| 8 | S. Harkishan Singh Surjit | Ditto | Re. alleged repression by the police on the workers and Trade Unionists in connection with the 'lock-out' of workers of the Niemla Textile Mills, Amritsar. | Ruled in order. Leave not given by the Sabha, 20 Members only having risen in favour of leave being given. |

| Serial No. | Member/ Members giving notice | Date | subject-matter | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | S. Gopal Singh S. Partap Singh (Rupar) | 18th April, 1955 | Re. Alleged stoning of the procession of Sikhs in Amritsar on 14th April, 1955, by Maha-Punjab supporters. | Ruled out of order. as the matter was *sub-judice*. |
| 10 | Shri Teg Ram | 19th April, 1955 | Re. Alleged damage to Rabi Crops in the Abohar Area of Sirhind Canal due to the inadequate supply of canal water. | Ruled out of order on the grounds that it was vague and that the matters raised therein could have been discussed during the Budget Discussion. |

## QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

| Serial No. | Date | Member giving notice | Subject-matter | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 11th March, 1955 | Maulvi Abdul Ghani Dar | Leakage of the Bugdet on account of its having been supplied to the Press before presentation to the Sabha | Consent not given. (See Ruling at page 74 *nfra*) |
| 2 | 15th March, 1955 | Ditto .. | Making available by the Chief Parliamentary Secretary copies of a certain Scheme only to Congress M.L.A.s | Consent not given. (See Ruling at page 76 *infra*) |
| 3 | 22nd March, 1955 | S. Chanan Singh Dhut | Reply given by the Minister for Irrigation and Power to a question relating to the observations of the Public Accounts Committee in its 3rd Report on the the working of the Bhakra-Nangal Project | The Speaker deferred his decision to 25th March, 1955. when the Minister having apologized he did not give his consent. Made certain observations. (See pages 30 and 77 *infra*) |
| 4 | 29th March, 1955 | S. Ajmer Singh | Regarding the alleged "mishandling of Shri Kedar Nath Saigal by the Serjeant-at-Arms" | Consent not given as the Speaker had already made a statement in this connection. (See pages 68-69 *infra*) |
| 5 | 30th March, 1955 | Pt. Shri Ram Sharma | The "snatching away of the papers from Shri Kedar Nath Saigal on 29th March, 1955 by the Serjeant-at-Arms". | Consent not given but the Speaker made a detailed statement. (See pages 67, and 70-71 *infra*) |

| Serial No. | Date | Member giving notice | Subject-matter | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 30th March, 1955 | Development Minister | Regarding a news-item in the 'Tribune', dated 30th March, 1955 about the alleged change made in the official proceedings of the Sabha on 29th March, 1955. | Speaker observed that he would make an enquiry in the matter and take necessary action. |
| 7 | 18th April, 1955 | Shrimati Shanno Devi | Alleged misreporting of the proceedings of the Assembly by the "Tribune", dated 30th March, 1955 | Speaker said that he would consult the Press Gallery Committee and himself make an enquiry. |
| 8 | 1st April, 1955 | Maulvi Abdul Ghani Dar. | Regarding the surveillance of M.L.A.s by the C.I.D. | Speaker said that he would make an enquiry. |

## NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION

| Sl. No. | Member giving notice | Date | Subject-matter | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Maulvi Abdul Ghani Dar | 18th April, 1955 | Re : Alleged charges of corruption, nepotism and bribery against Shri Jagat Narain , Transport Minister | Held out of order. |
| 2 | Ditto .. | 19th April, 1955 | Ditto | Held in order but leave to move was refused as only 16 members rose in favour of leave being granted. |

## OTHER MOTIONS

| Serial No. | Member moving | Moved on | Discussed on | Subject-matter | Decision |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Shrimati Sita Devi. | 2nd March, 1955 | 2nd and 4th March 1955 | Motion of Thanks for the Address delivered by the Governor on 1st March, 1955. (Carried on 4th March, 1955) | Carried |
| 2 | Education Minister | 5th March, 1955 | 5th March, 1955 | Extension of time up to 2nd April, 1955 for submitting its report by the Joint Select Committee on the Punjab Hindu Dharam Asthan Bill (Originated in the Punjab Legislative Council). | Carried |
| 3 | Dewan Jagdish Chandra. | 10th March, 1955 | 10th March, 1955 | Reference of the Punjab State Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill, 1953, to a Joint Select Committee. | Carried |
| 4 | Chief Minister | 16th March, 1955 | 16th March, 1955 | Suspension of Rule 23 and transaction of Government business on 17th March, 1955 | Carried |
| 5 | Development Minister | 17th March, 1955 | 17th March, 1955 | Adjournment of the Sabha till Monday, the 21st March, 1955. | Carried |
| 6 | Development Minister | 30th March, 1955 | 30th March, 1955 | Adjournment of the Sabha till Monday, the 18th April, 1955 | Carried |
| 7 | Pandit Shri Ram Sharma, M.L.A. | 18th April, 1955 | 18th and 19th April 1955 | Repeal of the order of the Governor relating to the addition to Schedules B and C referred to in Regulations 5 and 6 respectively of the Punjab and N.W.F.P. Joint P.S.C. (Limitation of Functions) Regulations. | Lost |

| Serial No. | Member Moving | Moved on | Discussed on | Subject-matter | Decision |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | Chief Minister | 19th April, 1955 | 19th April, 1955 | Suspension of Rule 23 and transaction of Government sbusines on 21st April, 1955. | Carried |
| 9 | Chief Minister | 21st April, 1955 | 21st April, 1955 | Recommending to the Punjab Legislative Council to agree to nominate 3 members to associate with the Public Accounts Committee of the Sabha. | Carried |
| 10 | Chief Minister | 21st April, 1955 | 21st April, 1955 | Extension of time up to 30th September, 1955 for submitting its report by the Joint Select Committee on the Punjab Hindu Dharam Asthan Bill, 1952 (Originatea in the Legislative Council). | Carried |
| 11 | Development Minister | 22nd April, 1955 | 22nd April, 1955 | Adjournment of the Sabha *sine die*. | Carried |

## REFERENCES

Reference to the death of the late Shri Jagat Ram Bhardwaj M.L.A., was made on the 2nd March, 1955, by the Leader, the Speaker associating himself with the sentiments expressed. All the Members stood in silence for 2 minutes as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

2. Reference was also made to the death of Sardar Partap Singh, Ex-M.L.C., by the Speaker on the 18th April, 1955, the Sabha associating itself with the sentiments expressed.

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## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of Absence was granted by the Sabha to the following Members :—

1. Shri Amir Chand Gupta.
2. Shri Krishna Gopal Datta.
3. Chaudhri Mohd. Yasin Khan.

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## STATEMENTS

The following statements were made by the Ministers.

| Serial No. | Minister Concerned | Date on which made | Subject-matter |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Chief Minister .. | 23rd March, 1955. | Regarding imposition of restrictions on demonstrations and processions in connection with the reorganisation of the States and the visit of the States Reorganisation Commission to the Punjab. |
| 2 | Chief Minister .. | 23rd March, 1955. | Regarding Education Minister's desire to be relieved of the Education Portfolio forthwith in order to vindicate his position and meet the challenge of the Opposition. |
| 3 | Minister for Irrigation.. | 25th March, 1955. | Tendering his apology to the Assembly and the Public Accounts Committee for the reply given by him on 21st March, 1955 to a question relating to the observations made by the Public Accounts Committee in its Report on the working of the Bhakra-Nangal Project. (See Statement of the Speaker at pages 24 *ante* and 77 *ifra*). |
| 4 | Chief Minister .. | 18th April, 1955. | Regarding the alleged repression by the Police on workers etc. at Amritsar. |
| 5 | Chief Minister .. | 18th April, 1955. | Regarding the Labour situation at Amritsar. |

# QUESTIONS

## 10TH SESSION

| Nature of questions | Number of notices received | Number admitted | Number disallowed | Number not put and cancelled | Number answered | Number deemed to have been answered under Rule 37 | Number of supplementaries put | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Starred .. | 1,452 | 1,166 | 250 | 36 | 557 (296 Treasury, 261 Opposition) | 609 (309 Treasury: 300 Opposition) | 1,428 | |
| Unstarred | 127 | 86 | 41 | .. | 86 (44 Treasury, 42 Opposition) | .. | .. | |
| Short Notice | 99 | 59 | 40 | .. | 23 (14 Treasury, 9 Opposition) | 3 (2 Treasury, 1 Opposition) | .. | The Ministers concerned did not give their consent to admit 33 questions as short-notice ones. |

*Note*.—On March 2, 1955, at the express request of the Members, the Speaker agreed to the carrying of the starred questions left over each day to the next day. Since the questions entered in the Order Paper for each day could not be exhausted daily, these kept on accumulating.

On 22nd April 1955, the last sitting of the Sabha, the Speaker announced that all questions printed in the lists for different days, which had remained unanswered, would be deemed to have been answered under Rule 37.

*Statement showing the number of Starred Questions Answered date-wise.*

| Date | | Treasury Benches | Opposition Party | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd March, 1955. | .. | 12 | 4 | 16 |
| 3rd March, 1955. | .. | 12 | 22 | 34 |
| 4th March, 1955. | .. | 17 | 10 | 27 |
| 5th March, 1955. | .. | 14 | 11 | 25 |
| 10th March, 1955. | .. | 22 | 33 | 55 |
| 11th March, 1955. | .. | 10 | 5 | 15 |
| 14th March, 1955. | .. | 9 | 9 | 18 |
| 15th March, 1955. | .. | 13 | 18 | 31 |
| 17th March, 1955. | .. | 28 | 18 | 46 |
| 21st March, 1955. | .. | 21 | 12 | 33 |
| 23rd March, 1955. | .. | 10 | 10 | 20 |
| 24th March, 1955. | .. | 21 | 19 | 40 |
| 25th March, 1955. | .. | 16 | 9 | 25 |
| 29th March, 1955. | .. | 28 | 24 | 52 |
| 30th March, 1955. | .. | 19 | 10 | 29 |
| 18th April, 1955. | .. | 15 | 24 | 39 |
| 19th April, 1955. | .. | 29 | 23 | 52 |
| Number deemed to have been answered under Rule 37 | | | | |
| 22nd April, 1955. | .. | 309 | 300 | 609 |

**Statement showing the number of starred questions in the name of different Ministers date-wise.**

| Date | | Chief Minister | Develop-ment Minister | Irrigation Minister | Finance Minister | *Education Minister | Public Works Minister | Labour Minister | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd March, 1955 | .. | 16 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16 |
| 3rd March, 1955 | .. | 1 | 19 | 6 | 4 | 5 | .. | .. | 35 |
| 4th March, 1955 | .. | 11 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 7 | 8 | 27 |
| 5th March, 1955 | .. | 2 | 14 | 9 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 |
| 10th March, 1955 | .. | 13 | 14 | 8 | 3 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 60 |
| 11th March, 1955 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 3 | 9 | 2 | .. | 16 |
| 14th March, 1955 | .. | 11 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 | 3 | 18 |
| 15th March, 1955 | .. | 2 | 24 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 31 |
| 17th March, 1955 | .. | 21 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 53 |
| 21st March, 1955 | .. | .. | 13 | 12 | 8 | .. | .. | .. | 33 |
| 23rd March, 1955 | .. | 6 | .. | .. | .. | 8 | 6 | 1 | 21 |
| 24th March, 1955 | .. | 11 | 20 | 11 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 42 |
| 25th March, 1955 | .. | 4 | .. | 1 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 25 |
| 29th March, 1955 | .. | 17 | 22 | 15 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 54 |
| 30th March, 1955 | .. | 4 | .. | 1 | 10 | 13 | 1 | .. | 29 |
| 18th April, 1955 | .. | 12 | 15 | 12 | .. | .. | 3 | 4 | 46 |
| 19th April, 1955 | .. | 24 | .. | .. | 13 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 53 |
| 22nd April, 1955 | .. | 158 | 152 | 101 | 64 | 44 | 55 | 35 | 609 |
| Total | .. | 313 | 303 | 187 | 110 | 113 | 99 | 68 | 1,193* |

*Including 31 questions not put.

The Question Hour was dispensed with on 16th, 22nd, 28th March, 21st and 22nd April, 1955.

*Note*—The Education Minister having relinquished the charge of Education portfolio on 23rd March 1955 replied to questions pertaining to Health and Transport Departments only from 24th March 1955 onwards. The questions relating to Education were answered by the Chief Minister.

**Detailed Statement of starred, unstarred and short notice questions in the name of each Minister date-wise and Department wise and answered during the Budget Session 1955.**

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Police Deptt. | Home Deptt. | Panchayat Deptt. | General Adminis-tration | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd March, 1955. | Starred .. | 3 | 2 | 3 | 8 | | | | 16 | 16 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | | | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Irrigation Deptt. | Co-opera-tive Deptt. | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd March, 1955 | Starred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | 13 | 2 | | | | | | 15 | 15 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## EDUCATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | | Education Deptt. | | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd March, 1955. | Starred | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | | Police Deptt. | | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd March, 1955. | Starred | .. | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | | Development Deptt. | Revenue Deptt. | Agriculture Deptt. | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd March, 1955. | Starred | .. | 6 | 12 | .. | | | | | 18 | 18 | .. | 1 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | | Irrigation Deptt. | Co-operative Deptt. | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd March, 1955. | Starred | .. | 4 | 2 | | | | | | 6 | 6 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | | Relief and Rehabilitation Deptt. | Industries Deptt. | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd March, 1955. | Starred | .. | 3 | 1 | | | | | | 4 | 4 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## EDUCATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | | Education Deptt. | Health Deptt. | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd March, 1955. | Starred | .. | 3 | 2 | | | | | | 5 | 5 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Police Department | Home Department | General Administration Department | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th March, 1955. | Starred | 3 | .. | 8 | | | | | 11 | 11 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | 1 | 1 | .. | | | | | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Revenue Department | | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th March, 1955. | Starred .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | 3 | | | | | | | 3 | 3 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Nnmber of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th March, 1955. | Starred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | 3 | 1 | | | | | | 4 | 4 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## EDUCATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Health Department | Transport Department | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th March, 1955. | Starred .. | .. | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | 2 | .. | | | | | | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | P.W.D. (B. & R.) | Local Bodies Department | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th March, 1955. | Starred .. | 4 | 3 | | | | | | 7 | 7 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | 1 | .. | | | | | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## LABOUR MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Labour Department | | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th March, 1955. | Starred .. | 8 | | | | | | | 8 | 8 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Panchayat Department | Civil Supplies Department | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th March, 1955. | Starred | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Development Department | Revenue Department | Agriculture Department | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th March, 1955. | Starred | 1 | 12 | 1 | | | | | 14 | 14 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Irrigation Department | Co-operative Department | Electricity Department | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th March 1955. | Starred | 5 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 9 | 9 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Police Department | Home Department | Panchayats Department | General Administration | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10th March, 1955. | Starred | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | | | | 13 | 13 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | 1 | .. | .. | | | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | | .. | .. |

## DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Development Department | Revenue Department | Agriculture Department | Veterinary Department | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10th March, 1955 | Starred | 5 | 7 | 1 | 1 | | | | 14 | 14 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | 1 | .. | | | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10th March, 1955. | Starred | 7 | 1 | | | | | | 8 | 8 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | 2 | .. | | | | | | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |

FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | Industries Department | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10th March, 1955 | Starred | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 3 | 3 | | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | | .. |
| | Short notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | | .. |

EDUCATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Education Department | Health Department | Transport Department | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10th March, 1955 | Starred | 2 | 2 | 5 | | | | | 9 | 6 | .. | 3 |
| | Unstarred | 1 | .. | .. | | | | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | 1 | .. | .. | | | | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |

PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | P. W. D. (B. & R.) | Local Bodies | Capital Project | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10th March, 1955 | Starred | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | | 4 | 2 | .. | 2 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. |

LABOUR MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Labour Department | Excise and Taxation Deptt. | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10th Marh, 1955 | Starred | 3 | 1 | | | | | | 4 | 4 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11th March, 1955 | Starred | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11th March, 1955 | Starred | 3 | | | | | | | 3 | 3 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## EDUCATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Education Department | Health Department | Transport Department | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11th March, 1955 | Starred | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 8 | 8 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | P. W. D. (B.&R.) | Capital Project | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11th March, 1955 | Starred | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Police Department | Home Department | Panchayats Department | Civil Supplies Department | General Administration | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14th March, 1955 | Starred | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | | | 11 | 11 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14th March, 1955 | Starred | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | 2 | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | P. W. D. (B. & R.) | Local Bodies | Capital Project | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14th March, 1955 | Starred | 1 | 3 | .. | | | | | 4 | 4 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | 1 | | | | | 1 | .. | .. | .. |

## LABOUR MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Excise and Taxation Department | Welfare (General Branch) | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14th March, 1955 | Starred | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 3 | 3 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Police Department | | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15th March, 1955 | Starred | 2 | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | 4 | | | | | | | 4 | 4 | .. | .. |

## DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Development Department | Revenue Department | Agriculture Department | Planning Department | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15th March, 1955 | Starred | 6 | 13 | 4 | 1 | | | | 24 | 24 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | 1 | .. | .. | | | | 1 | .. | .. | 1 |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Irrigation Department | | | | | | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15th March, 1955 | Starred | 5 | | | | | | | 5 | 5 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Police Department | Home Department | Panchayats Department | Civil Supplies Department | General Administration | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17th March, 1955 | Starred | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 8 | | | 21 | 15 | .. | 6 |
| | Unstarred | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | | | 3 | 3 | .. | 1 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | | | 1 | .. | .. | .. |

## DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Development Department | Revenue Department | Agriculture Department | Planning Department | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17th March, 1955 | Starred | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | | | 9 | 8 | .. | 1 |
| | Unstarred | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | | | | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | . |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | Co-operative Department | | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17th March, 1955 | Starred | 3 | 1 | | | | | | 4 | 4 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | 5 | 1 | | | | | | 6 | 6 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | 1 | .. | | | | | | 1 | .. | .. | 1 |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | Industries Department | Finance Department | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17th March, 1955 | Starred | 1 | .. | 1 | | | | | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | 1 | .. | | | | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## EDUCATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Education Department | Health Department | Transport Department | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17th March, 1955 | Starred | 6 | 2 | .. | | | | | 8 | 7 | .. | 1 |
| | Unstarred | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 3 | 3 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Local Bodies | P.W.D. (Buildings) and Roads | Capital Project | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17th March, 1955 | Starred | 2 | .. | 2 | | | | | 4 | 4 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | 1 | .. | | | | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | 1 | 1 | | | | | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 |

## LABOUR MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Labour Department | Excise and Taxation Department | Welfare (General) Branch) | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17th March, 1955 | Starred | 2 | .. | 2 | | | | | 4 | 4 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | 1 | 1 | .. | | | | | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Police Department | General Administration | | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21st March, 1955 | Starred | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Development Department | Revenue Department | Agriculture Department | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21st March, 1955 | Starred | 3 | 9 | 1 | | | | | 13 | 13 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | Co-operative Department | Electricity Department | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21st March, 1955 | Starred | 10 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 12 | 12 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | 9 | .. | .. | | | | | 9 | 9 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | Industries Department | | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21st March, 1955 | Starred | 5 | 3 | | | | | | 8 | 8 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | 1 | .. | | | | | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Police Department | General Administration | Jails Department | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23rd March, 1955 | Starred | 4 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 6 | 6 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | | | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23rd March, 1955 | Starred | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |

## EDUCATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Education Department | Health Department | | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23rd March, 1955 | Starred | 6 | 2 | | | | | | 8 | 8 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | 1 | .. | | | | | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |

## PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B. & R.) | Local Bodies | Capital Project | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23rd March, 1955 | Starred | 1 | 4 | 1 | | | | | 6 | 6 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## LABOUR MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Excise and Taxation Department | | | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23rd March, 1955 | Starred | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Police Department | Panchayat Department | General Administration | Planning Department | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24th March, 1955 | Starred | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | | | | 11 | 10 | .. | 1 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Development Department | Revenue Department | Agriculture Department | Consolidation Department | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24th March, 1955 | Starred | 1 | 12 | 2 | 4 | | | | 19 | 18 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24th March, 1955 | Starred | 8 | 2 | | | | | | 10 | 10 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Education Department | | | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25th March, 1955 | S arred | 4 | | | | | | | 4 | 4 | .. | .. |
| | Uns.arred | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | | | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25th March, 1955 | Starred | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | Industries Department | Finance Department | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25th March, 1955 | Starred | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 3 | 3 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## HEALTH AND TRANSPORT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Health Depart-ment | Transport Depart-ment | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25th March, 1955 | Starred | 5 | 3 | | | | | 8 | 8 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Local Bodies | Capital Project | | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25th March, 1955 | Starred | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 4 | 4 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## LABOUR MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Labour Depart-ment | Excise and Taxation Depart-ment | | | | | | Total | Number of questions answered | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25th March, 1955 | Starred | 3 | 2 | | | | | | 5 | 5 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Police Department | Home Department | General Administration Department | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29th March, 1955 | Starred | 8 | 1 | 7 | 16 | 15 | .. | 1 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Development Department | Revenue Department | Agriculture Department | Planning Department | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29th March, 1955 | Starred | 6 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 21 | 20 | .. | 1 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29th March, 1955 | Starred | 13 | 2 | 15 | 15 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | General Administration Department | Education Department | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 30th March, 1955 | Starred | .. | 4 | 4 | 4 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Co-operative Department | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 30th March, 1955 | Starred | 1 | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | Industries Department | Finance Department | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 30th March, 1955 | Starred | 3 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 10 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## HEALTH AND TRANSPORT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Health Department | Transport Department | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 30th March, 1955 | Starred | 7 | 6 | | 13 | 13 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Capital Project | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 30th March, 1955 | Starred | 1 | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Police Department | Home Department | Panchayats Department | Civil Supplies Department | General Administration | Education Department | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18th April, 1955 | Starred | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | .. | 10 | 8 | .. | 2 |
| | Unstarred | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |

## DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Development Department | Revenue Department | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18th April, 1955 | Starred | 3 | 2 | | 5 | 2 | .. | 3 |
| | Unstarred | .. | 4 | | 4 | 4 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Irrigation Department | Co-operative Department | Electricity Department | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18th April, 1955 | Starred | 8 | 2 | 1 | | 11 | 10 | .. | 1 |
| | Unstarred | 1 | .. | .. | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18th April, 1955 | Starred | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | 1 | | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | P.W.D. (B.&R.) | Capital Project | Total | Number of Questions answered | Numder of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18th April, 1955 | Starred | 2 | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | .. | .. |

## LABOUR MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Labour Department | Excise and Taxation Department | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18th April, 1955 | Starred | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Police Department | Home Department | Panchayats Department | Civil Supplies Department | General Administration | Jails Department | Education Department | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19th April 1955 | Starred | 7 | .. | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 23 | 21 | .. | 2 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |

## DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Development Department | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19th April, 1955 | Starred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | Industries Department | Finance Department | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19th April, 1955 | Starred | 1 | 11 | 1 | 13 | 13 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## HEALTH AND TRANSPORT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Health Department | Transport Department | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19th April, 1955 | Starred | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | P.W.D. (B.&R.) | Local Bodies | Capital Project | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19th April, 1955 | Starred | 1 | 5 | 1 | | 7 | 7 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## LABOUR MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Labour Department | | Total | Number of Questions answered | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19th April, 1955 | Starred | 4 | | 4 | 4 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | General Administration | Education Department | Civil Supplies Department | Publicity Department | Panchayats Department | Police Department | Jails Department | Total | Number of Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 37 | Number of Questions postponed | Number of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22nd April, 1955 | Starred | 55 | 49 | 5 | 1 | 14 | 33 | 1 | 158 | 158 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |

***Notes :*** Replies to all these questions were, under direction from the Speaker, laid on the Table.

## DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Development Department | Revenue Department | Agriculture Department | Veterinary Department | | | | Total | No. of Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 37 | No. of Questions postponed | No. of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22nd April, 1955 | Starred | 31 | 98 | 13 | 10 | | | | 152 | 152 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

*Note.* Replies to all these questions were, under direction from the Speaker, laid on the Table.

## IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Irrigation Department | Co-operative Department | Electricity Department | | | | | Total | No. of Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 37 | No. of Questions postponed | No. of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22nd April, 1955 | Starred | 20 | 62 | 19 | | | | | 101 | 101 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

*Note.* Replies to all these questions were, under direction from the Speaker, laid on the Table.

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | Industries Department | Finance Department | | | | | Total | No. of Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 37 | No. of Questions postponed | No. of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22nd April, 1955 | Starred | 29 | 8 | 27 | | | | | 64 | 64 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

*Note.* Replies to all these questions were, under direction from the Speaker, laid oh the Table.

## HEALTH AND TRANSPORT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Transport Department | Health Department | | | | | Total | No. of Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 37 | No. of Questions postponed | No. of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22nd April, 1955 | Starred | 22 | 22 | | | | | 44 | 44 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

*Note.* Replies to all these questions were, under direction from the Speaker, laid on the Table.

## PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Local Bodies Department | Capital Project | P.W.D. (B & R) Department | | | | | Total | No. of Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 37 | No. of Questions postponed | No. of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22nd April, 1955 | Starred | 27 | 8 | 20 | | | | | 55 | 55 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | 1 | 1 | | | | | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |

*Note.* Replies to all these questions were, under direction from the Speaker, laid on the Table.

## LABOUR MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Labour Department | Printing Department | Excise and Taxation Department | | | | | Total | No. of Questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 37 | No. of Questions postponed | No. of Questions not put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22nd April, 1955 | Starred | 25 | 5 | 5 | | | | | 35 | 35 | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

*Note.* Replies to all these questions were, under direction from the Speaker, laid on the Table.

## WALK-OUTS

| Serial No. | Date on which staged | Members walking out | Occasion |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1st March, 1955 .. | All the Opposition Groups | When the Governor rose to deliver his Address to both the Houses of Legislature assembled together. |
| 2 | 29th March, 1955.. | All the Opposition Groups | When consent to raise a question of Privilege regarding the alleged "snatching away" of papers by the Sergeant-at-Arms, was refused. |
| 3 | 21st April, 1955 .. | S. Partap Singh Rattakhera | When not permitted to speak in view of the closure having been carried. |
| 4 | 22nd April, 1955 .. | Shri Babu Dyal .. | As a protest against not being permitted to speak after closure carried. |

## DIVISIONS

| Serial No. | Date on which claimed | Recorded/Not Recorded | Occasion | Result |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 22nd March, 1955 | Not recorded. | On cut motion No.1 to Demand No. 15 (37-Education). | Cut motion declared lost. |
| 2 | 22nd March, 1955 | Not recorded | On cut motion No.6 to Demand No 15 (37-Education). | Cut motion declared lost. |
| 3 | 28th March, 1955. | Recorded (Ayes:56 Noes:16) | On Demand No. 10 (General Administration) when put to vote. | Demand declared carried. |
| 4 | 28th March, 1955 | Not recorded | On Demand No. 13 (Police) when put to vote. | Demand declared carried. |
| 5 | 28th March, 1955 | Recorded (Ayes:48 Noes:14) | On Demand No. 31 (54-A Territorial and Political Pensions, etc). | Demand declared carried. |
| 6 | 19th April, 1955 | Not recorded | On the motion seeking to repeal the order of the Governor adding 50 per cent posts of Block Development Officers to Schedules B and C of the Punjab Public Service Commission Regulations. | Resolution declared lost. |
| 7 | 22nd April, 1955 | Not recorded | On a closure motion. | Closure carried. |

**Statment showing the kind and quantity of translation work done during the Budget Session, 1955.**

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## Statements By Speaker

The following statements were made by the Speaker.—

| Seriol No. | Date on which made | Subject-matter |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 29th March, 1955 | Regarding the circumstances which led him to adjourn the House for forty minutes on that day (Pages 24 *nte* and 68-69 *infra*) |
| 2 | 30th March, 1955 .. | Regarding the alleged "snatching away" of papers by the Serjeant-at-Arms. (Pages 24 *ante* and 70-71 *infra*) |
| 3 | 19th April, 1955 .. | Regarding news items appearing in the "Prabhat" dated 20th April, 1955 and "Hind Samachar' dated 17th April, 1955 in connection with the alleged statement of the Opposition as to their attitude if they were not allowed to read charges against a Minister in the House. (Page 79 *infra*) |
| 4 | 21st April, 1955 .. | Regarding nomination of 3 members from the Council to associate with the Public Accounts Committee of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha. (*See* page 72 *infra*) |

**Statement made by the Speaker on 29th March 1955 regarding the circumstances which led him to adjourn the House.**

I am extremely sorry that a short while ago such a scene was created in this House as never before during which the decorum and dignity were completely ignored. This was one of its own kind in the history of this House. I never thought that parliamentarians like the hon. Members of this House would ignore the Rulings of the Chair in such a way as though neither the Speaker nor his authority existed. I may point out that this honourable House, of which you are the Members, has framed certain Rules for the conduct of its Business, and on the due observance of these Rules depends its prestige. In fact the people outside will judge us only in the light of how we conduct ourselves under these Rules.

I feel that not only do I regret but that all of us must be regretting the unhappy incident that took place in this House, which provides us with opportunities to deliberate together. An attitude was adopted which was not in keeping with its prestige and dignity.

I am particularly sorry that in spite of my having repeated my rulings and orders to the hon. Member not to repeat and to resume his seat, he did not do so. I called upon another Member to speak. The hon. Member did not heed my order, but kept standing and continued to attempt to read from a paper. At this there was an uproar in the House. Some hon. Members interfered and ignored the Ruling of the Chair. I am deeply grieved. I may assure the House that whatever Business is transacted here will be transacted according to the Rules.

Rules have been framed for the conduct of Business in this House. Hon. Members have been following them. I can not comprehend what special reasons there were today for these Rules having been defied. I wish to state that I am not prepared to tolerate this kind of attitude.

I repeatedly asked Shri Saigal to resume his seat. I also pointed out to him that if he disobeyed the Ruling of the Chair, he would be made to withdraw from the House. But he continued speaking amidst deafening noise in the House and disobeying the Ruling of the Chair. It is possible that my orders may not have been audible to him in that uproar. At this the Sergeant-at-Arms was asked to go to the Member, ask him to resume his seat and bring the paper from which he was reading.

I resorted to this because I knew that Shri Saigal was an old, respected and experienced Member who had for the freedom of the Country made several sacrifices. That was why I asked the Sergeant-at-Arms to convey to him my message to resume his seat and bring the paper. But before any word could pass between the Sergeant-at-Arms and Shri Saigal, Shri Mani Ram came in between. I strongly deprecate the action of Shri Mani Ram Bagri. He interfered in the carrying out of my orders to the Sergeant-at-Arms. His interference has resulted considerably in the contempt of this House. He not only disobeyed the Ruling and authority of the Chair but also interfered in the carrying out of it.

I had asked the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring the paper because I felt that this was a better course than the one of removing him from the Chamber by force. I did not wish to place him in an awkward position because of his being a " buzurg " and experienced. As you are aware the hon. Member kept standing in spite of my orders. Hon. Members from the Opposition Benches encouraged him by thumping their Benches.

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As far as Shri Mani Ram Bagri is concerned, he has committed contempt of the Chair for which he should express his regret. He must do so or else I shall be obliged to take action against him according to Rules and he may have to withdraw from the House.

I would also like to point out that Appropriation Bill is before the House today. Under the Rules a day is specially allotted for the consideration of this Bill and it is to be passed today. I have also to apply the Guillotine in this connection today. You have already discussed the General Budget and the Demands for Grants. These very Demands are there in the Appropriation Bill. I am afraid I can not permit discussion of a matter for oblique purposes which Rules forbid. I have to keep the dignity of this House high, and I expect that you will also do the same. Otherwise there is bound to be unpleasantness. (*See* page 24 and 25 )

**Statement made by the Speaker in connection with the question of privilege raised by Pandit Shri Ram Sharma on 30th March 1955, regarding the alleged snatching away of papers**

I thought that this matter stood closed after I had made my statement yesterday on a similar question of privilege. I also feel that there is no occasion for this question privilege when a similar one had already come before the House. Since the hon. Member has sent notice of it, I have again obtained an opportunity to explain the whole position so that there be no possibility of any further misunderstanding.

First of all I take the matter about the Sergeant-at-Arms. In this connection the Hon. Member Pandit Shri Ram Sharma read out portions from the Act dealing with the duties and functions of the Sergeant-at-Arms. Perhaps, he did not see another Section of the same Act which states that the Sergeant-at-Arms is also an officer of the House. For his benefit, I will read that out—

"The duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms and his deputies, if any, shall be to attend on the Speaker, to keep doors of the Assembly building and to execute the orders given by the Speaker under Section 4, for which purposes they may enlist to their aid such servants of the Government or of the Assembly as they may consider necessary".

So far as the Sergeant-at-Arms is concerned, it is clear that he is an officer of the House in the same way as the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary.

Yesterday when the hon. Member, Shri Saigal, was reading out something from a paper I told him at the outset that if that was the charge-sheet which the Opposition was seeking to bring against a Minister, then that was not relevant to the motion before the House. In this connection I asked him not once but several times to abstain from reading it. But I am sorry to say that despite my repeated requests and also the fact that I had called upon another hon. Member to speak, he continued his attempt to read from the document.

Shri Saigal is an old Member of this House, an elderly gentleman and one who has made many sacrifices during this Country's struggle for freedom. Keeping these facts in mind, I did not wish that a situation should arise in which the Member may have to be bodily removed from the House.

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I adopted a less unpleasant course. There was so much noise in the House that nothing could be heard. Shri Saigal, as I have said, despite my repeated warnings continued to attempt to read out from the paper he had and neither looked at me, nor heeded my orders. I drew his attention to my orders but he did not care. In these peculiar circumstances I asked the Sergeant-at-Arms to go to the hon. Member, convey my message to him that he should resume his seat and bring to me the paper he had.

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I made it clear yesterday that I had not asked him to " snatch " the paper. Once again I say that I did not ask the Sergeant-at-Arms at all to " snatch " the papers from the hon. Member. The instructions given to him were that he should go to the seat of the Member, request him to resume his seat and bring the paper he had, to me. When ordered to do so, it was the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms to go to the Member, convey my request and bring the paper to me quietly. But in executing my orders the Sergeant-at-Arms, perhaps, mistakenly thought that he had to bring that paper at all costs. If the Sergeant-at-Arms had followed my orders clearly, no misunderstanding about their scope would have arisen. It was to remove this misunderstanding that I called one of the official reporters to read out his report to the House to show you whether I had used the words "ले आओ" or "खोह लाओ". It is also this misunderstanding which we are regretting.

Since yesterday I have had time to think over the whole matter. I feel that it was an incident of its own kind in the history of this Legislature. We cannot be proud of it in any manner. We are on the other hand extremely sorry for it.

Besides, I would like to inform you that our Serjeant-at-Arms is not a trained Officer so far as his duties in this House are concerned. His services are utilized only during the Sessions. In fact, the question of appointing a Chief Watch and Ward Officer on a whole time basis came up before us. If I had appointed an Officer on a whole time basis we would have had to pay him for the whole year whereas his services are required only during the periods when the Sabha is in Session. Therefore, I decided to appoint an officer for the duration of the Sessions only, so that we would effect some saving and an officer would be available if an unhappy incident like the one yesterday occurred who could act courteously and politely. Accordingly we appointed an officer with polite and dignified manners.

In the performance of his duties in the House yesterday if he has in any way made a mistake and you have felt it, I may tell you that I have also not liked it. However, I assure you that I will myself take action in the matter and inform you of whatever action, I take.. I can assure you that the action I take will satisfy all. I want to state categorically that I shall not under any circumstances or at any cost let the prestige of this House suffer for I am alive to the fact that my dignity and prestige depend upon your prestige and dignity. I do not wish to condone the laps of any one which might hurt the dignity and prestige of this House (*Cheers*). I feel that it is my foremost duty not only to safeguard your prestige but also to enhance it. No one can be more anxious than I to maintain the standard of parliamentary debate and the decorum of the House. I shall do my utmost to secure it and shall not falter. In these circumstances, I would request you not to pursue this matter any further. I would ask the hon. Member Pandit Shri Ram Sharma to come to my Chamber and I am confident that I will be able to satisfy him. My ruling, therefore on this question of privilage is the same as was given yesterday. (*See* page 24 and 67 *ante*)

**Observations made by the Speaker on 21st April 1955 in connection with the nomination of three members from the Council to associate with the Public Accounts Committee of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha.**

I also wish to make a few observations in regard to the motion moved by the Chief Minister (on the subject of nomination of 3 members from the Council to associate with the Public Accounts Committee of this House). He has also made certain observations while moving the motion. We will follow the pattern prevailing in the Lok Sabha. There should, therefore, be no doubt in the minds of the Members of this House about who shall control the Public Accounts Committee consisting of Members of this Sabha and the Members to be associated with it by the Council if this motion is carried here and concurred in by the Legislative Council. The whole body would be under the control of the Speaker. All the Members, however, would have equal status so far as the deliberations and voting and other things in the Committee are concerned. The control would be that of the Speaker. The Gazette notification of the Members who are nominated by the Council to serve on this Committee would, like the notification of Members elected by this House, be issued by the Secretariat of this Sabha.

Since it is a Committee of this House, the Report of the Committee shall be presented only to this House.

The position is consistent with the position which has been adopted in Parliament at the Centre. (*See* page 67 *ante*)

**Points of order and the decisions thereon.**

1. Whether a Bill requiring the recommendation of the Governor under Article 207(1) could be introduced without his prior recommendation to that effect.

It was held that that could not be done.

(The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1955, was, therefore not introduced on 10th March 1955, although on the Agenda).

2. Whether an officer in the Officers' Gallery could dispose of his office files (raised on 4th March, 1955). For the Speaker's observations made on 15th March 1955, see ruling at page 75 *infra*.

3. Whether allotments of or changes in the seats in the House are made under orders of the Speaker or by any other authority.

The Speaker held that the arrangement of seats in the House was made under his orders.

(On 17th March 1955 the bench on which S. Waryam Singh had been sitting was shifted inadvertantly by a mechanic of the P.W.D. while fixing the fan and it continued to be there unknown to all).

4. Whether portions of a speech made by a Member in defiance of the orders of the Speaker could be allowed to stay on record.

The Speaker said that he would consider the matter.

(On 29th March, 1955 Shri Kedar Nath Saigal continued in his attempt to read out from a paper despite the Speaker repeatedly asking him not to do so and resume his seat).

## Rulings by the Speaker.

### 1. REGARDING LEAKAGE OF BUDGET.

The hon. Member (Maulvi Abdul Ghani) says that leakage has taken place due to copies of the Budget proposals having been made available to the Press in advance of their presentation to this Assembly.

It is an old convention dating back, I believe, to 1937 to give advance copies to the Press and this concession to the Press has not so far been abused. The same practice holds good in other States and even at the Centre. The Press is as important a part of the democratic Organisation as any Legislative Chamber. It is always taken into confidence in important matters. We are all engaged in a common endeavour, which is the service of the common man.

Leakage is that which leaks out. The Member has not shown that any leakage has taken place which might have had the effect of upsetting the financial markets of the State.

I, therefore, hold that there has been no leakage as such and accordingly refuse to give consent to the moving of this motion. I would, however, suggest that the Government might examine its present practice in this connection. (11th March, 1955). (*See* page 24 *ante*).

## 2. Regarding disposal of office files by an official while sitting in the official Gallery.

The other day an hon. Member of this House brought to my notice the fact that an officer of the Government sitting in the Officers' gallery was disposing of his files and thereby showing discourtesy to the House.

I have very carefully considered the question whether Galleries are a part of the Chamber or not and I have come to the conclusion that they are those parts of the House which are not appropriated to the use of Members. Nevertheless, Officers and other visitors who are present in them must observe proper decorum and show proper courtesy to the House.

While I do not object to Officers noting down points which arise in the House in debate for assisting their Ministers and also referring to files to find suitable answers thereto for submission to their Ministers, I am of the view that disposal of files apart from its being a disturbing factor to the Members sitting in the House amounts also to a disrespect to it.

If officers wish to dispose of their files, the proper place for them to do so is not the Officers, Gallery of the House but their own office rooms. They come here in the discharge of their duty, namely, to assist their Ministers and their work in this Gallery must remain confined to that alone. (15th March, 1955). (*See* page 73 *ante*).

3. REGARDING MAKING AVAILABLE BY THE CHIEF PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY COPIES OF A CERTAIN SCHEME ONLY TO CONGRESS M.L.A.S.

I am concerned with distribution which is official. I and my Secretariat are not concerned with private distribution. The hon. Member has not mentioned anywhere in the Question of Privilege that there was discrimination in official distribution. No breach of privilege is involved and, therefore, I do not give my consent to the raising of this question (15th March, 1955). ( *See* page 24 *ante*).

## 4. Regarding casting reflection on the P.A.C. by a Minister while replying to a certain question.

Notice, as the hon. Members are aware, was received on the 22nd of March, 1955 seeking to raise a question of privilege on the ground that the statement placed by the Irrigation and Power Minister on the Table of the House in answer to starred Assembly Question No. 4707 attacked the bona fide of the Public Accounts Committee and contained remarks which were derogatory to its dignity. At the request of the Chief Minister, I postponed my decision on the question.

I have been able to utilize this interval that has elapsed since the receipt of the notice in scrutinising the disputed statement. There is no doubt in my mind that it contains remarks and observations which should not have been made, as being derogatory to the dignity and constitutional importance of the Public Accounts Committee.

This Committee is constituted by this House for each financial year to examine the accounts showing the appropriation of the sums granted by this House to meet the expenditure of the State Government. The functions of the Committee extend, however, beyond the formality of the expenditure to its " wisdom, faithfulness and economy ". It acts not only as a check upon extravagant, irregular or unauthorised expenditure, but also upon unwise methods of management. Its duties are, therefore, onerous and their performance, sometimes perhaps, not relished by some individual officers. But that I cannot conceive as a justification for an affront offered to the integrity and high sense of public duty of the Committee, for an affront offered to the Committee is an affront to the House.

In this particular case, it appears the Committee's observations in regard to the Bhakra Canals Administration engendered in the minds of the Engineers a feeling of antagonism against the Committee which they took this opportunity to express in this oblique manner. While this kind of hostile and insulting observations in reference to the Committee must be deprecated in the strongest terms the Ministers and their departmental heads must show due regard to all the Committees of the House and their observations. I am glad that the Chief Minister and the Minister for Irrigation and Power have made suitable amends to this House and the Public Accounts Committee by offering adequate regrets for the inadvertent action on the part of the Irrigation and Power Minister in placing on the Table a note prepared by his Department without having gone through it. He has assured the House that he meant no disparagement to the Committee and that the statement that he intended to place was not the one that was in fact placed. That statement was handed over by him to me and passed on by me to the Public Accounts Committee. The Public Accounts Committee had a meeting yesterday in this connection and its proceedings which have been put up to me evince its resentment. It has been said that the statement, since it was submitted to it for scrutiny, should not have been laid before the House. I also think that it was not proper for him to have laid even that statement on the Table as it was under examination of the Public Accounts Committee. Let it be understood that the reports which the departments wish to submit in relation to the observations of the Public Accounts Committee must be submitted to the Committee itself, and not directly to the House.

In view of the amendments made by the Irrigation and Power Minister, as I have said, the matter need not be pursued any further. I, therefore, do not give my consent to the raising of this question of privilege. (25th March, 1955). **(*See* pages 2? and 30 *ante*).**

5. REGARDING A NEWS ITEM APPEARING IN THE DAILY ' MILAP'.

(On the Speaker's attention having been drawn on the 25th of March.)

I have seen the news item, my attention to which was drawn by the Leader of the Akali Party on the 25th of March, 1955. My attention has also been drawn to a somewhat similar news item published in the same Paper (Milap) on the 27th of March, 1955.

The news item to which Sardar Gopal Singh Khalsa drew my attention says that if the charges are proved to be wrong then the members of some Committee mentioned therein will be arrested under the " Anti-Corruption Rules ".

I am not aware of any such rules in existence. The legal authorities that I have consulted have assured me that there are no " Anti Corruption Rules " as such.

I am not aware how a news item of this nature can be regarded as contempt of this House or one which lowers its prestige and dignity. So far as the House is concerned, it has not elected or nominated any Committee to enquire into or prefer any kind of charges.

I do not think that Members of the Opposition or for that matter any Member can claim privileges of the House in a matter which is not within the cognizance of the House and a matter which will, I should imagine, be determined by the ordinary law of the land. (28th March, 1955).

6. REGARDING DISCUSSION ON THE PROMULGATION OF SECTION 144, Cr.P.C.

During the course of discussion on Demand relating to General Administration, a Member wanted to dlscuss orders passed under section 144 Cr. P.C.

Orders under Section 144 are judicial orders and they cannot be discussed by this House. (28th March, 1955).

## 7. Regarding news item appearing in the "Prabhat" and the "Hind Samachar".

My attention has been drawn to a news item published in the "Prabhat" bearing the date 20th of April, 1955 stating in effect that the Opposition in their attempt to read charges of corruption against a Minister would, if necessary, resort to protest and offer Satyagrah if they are stopped from doing so.

My attention has also been drawn to a news item published in the Hind Samachar" bearing the date 17th of April, 1955 in which it has been hinted that their attempt to read charges against Ministers in the Assembly, if resisted by the Speaker, would make the Opposition disobey his authority.

I deeply regret the publication of news items of this nature, aimed as they are at belittling and even setting at naught the authority and dignity of the Chair. Hon. Members should be aware that the Speaker's duty is of a very delicate nature because it has always been his greatest endeavour to conduct the proceedings of this august House in accordance with the principles which have been laid down in our procedural rules. Any attempt, near or remote, to depart from the dictates of those rules cannot be tolerated, for if that were tolerated the proceedings of this House would suffer from a great deal of confusion and uncertainty.

If the intention of some Members by getting such news items published is to hold out threats then all I can say is that they are only trying to strangle democracy which is so far in its initial stages.

Lest there be any misunderstanding in the mind of any one I want to make it clear that if any Member wishes to read any charges against any Minister he should do so in accordance with the clear provisions of the rules and not otherwise. If he attempts to read them contrary to procedure, he will be stopped from doing so as happened on the last occasion.

I shall make an independent enquiry as to how news items of this nature get published in Newspapers, for publication of such news is contempt of the Speaker. I shall also consult the Press Gallery Committee and take such action against the said Newspapers as may be deemed necessary. (19th April, 1955) (See page 67 ante).

## Unparliamentary Expressions

| | Date |
|---|---|
| Jhakk Marna | .. 19th April, 1955 |
| Lachar | .. 19th April, 1955 |
| Ghaddar | .. 21st April, 1955 |

## Prorogation

The Sabha was prorogued by an order of the Governor dated the 29th April, 1955,—*vide* notification No 15-LA-55/16, dated the 9th May, 1955, appearing in the *Punjab Government Gazette* (*Extraordinary*) of even date (page 279).

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OF

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# PREFACE

The following pages contain information in a consolidated form about the business transacted in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha during its sittings from October 3 to October 15, 1955.

Suggestions by Members for an improvement of such publications in future would be very greatly welcomed.

Chandigarh
The 10th November, 1955

KULDIP CHAND BEDI,
Secretary.

## PROGRAMME OBSERVED BY THE PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA DURING THE 11TH SESSION HELD FROM 3RD OCTOBER TO 15TH OCTOBER, 1955

| Date | Programme observed |
|---|---|
| 3rd October, 1955 .. | 1. Presentation of the Joint Select Committee's preliminary Report on the Punjab State Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill, 1953, and motion regarding the extension of time for the submission of the Report. |
| | 2. The Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board Bill, 1955. |
| 4th October, 1955 .. | 1. Resumption of consideration of the Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board Bill, 1955. |
| | 2. The Dramatic Performances (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1955. |
| 5th October, 1955 .. | 1. Resumption of consideration of the Dramatic Performances (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1955. |
| | 2. The Punjab Municipal (Tax Validating) Bill, 1955. |
| | 3. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1955. |
| | 4. The Punjab District Boards (Tax Validating) Bill 1955. |
| | 5. The Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1955. |
| | 6. The Punjab Legislative Council Chairman's and Deputy Chairman's Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Bill, 1955. |
| 6th October to 13th October, 1955. | Adjournment of the Sabha. |
| 14th October, 1955 .. | (i) Presentation of Supplementary Estimates (1st instalment) 1955-56 |
| | (ii) 1. The East Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1955. |
| | 2. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1955. |
| | 3. The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1955. |
| | 4. The Punjab District Boards (Temporary Constitution) (Repeal) Bill, 1955. |

| Date | Programme observed |
|---|---|
| 14th October, 1955—*concld* | 5. The Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) (Amendment) Bill, 1955. |
| | 6. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Validation) Bill, 1955. |
| | 7. The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1955. |
| | 8. The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1955. |
| | (iii) Discussion on the situation created by the recent unprecedented rains and floods within the State. |
| 15th October, 1955 .. | (i) Presentation of the Report of the Business Advisory Committee. |
| | (ii) Motion regarding adjournment of the Sabha *sine die*. |
| | (iii) Voting of Supplementary Demands. |
| | (iv) 1. The Punjab Land Revenue (Special Assessments) Bill, 1955. |
| | 2. The Motor Vehicles (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1955. |
| | 3. The Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill, 1955. |
| | 4. The Punjab Entertainments Duty Bill, 1955. |
| | 5. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1955. |

***Note.*** First hour was devoted to questions on 3rd, 4th and 5th October. Question Hour was dispensed with on 14th and 15th October, 1955.

## SUMMONS AND SITTINGS

The Tenth Session having been prorogued by an Order of the Governor dated the 29th April, 1955, the Punjab Vidhan Sabha was summoned to meet for its 11th Session on the 3rd October, 1955, by an Order dated the 27th August, 1955, and with an interval of 8 days from the 6th October to the 13th October, 1955, till the 15th October, 1955, when it adjourned *sine die*, having held, during this period 5 sittings.

## PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

On the 3rd October, 1955, the Speaker nominated to the **Panel of Chairmen** under Rule 11(1) (New Rule 13(1)) :—

(1) Shrimati Shanno Devi.
(2) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan.
(3) Dewan Jagdish Chandra.
(4) Principal Iqbal Singh.

## COMMITTEES

1. NOMINATION BY THE SPEAKER—

(i) On 3rd October, 1955, to the **Committee on Petitions** under rule 177 (New Rule 293 (1)) :—

(1) Chaudhri Sarup Singh, Deputy Speaker (Ex-officio Chairman).
(2) Shri Mehar Singh.
(3) Sardar Joginder Singh.
(4) Shri Amir Chand Gupta.
(5) Principal Iqbal Singh.

(ii) On 4th October, 1955, to the **Committee on Privileges** under rule 173F (New Rule 274 (1)) :—

(1) Chaudhri Sarup Singh, Deputy Speaker, Chairman.
(2) Dewan Jagdish Chandra.
(3) Sardar Rajinder Singh Gyani.
(4) Rai Raghuvir Singh.
(5) Professor Sher Singh.
(6) Shri Rizaq Ram.
(7) Shri D.D. Puri.
(8) Sardar Harkishan Singh Surjit.
(9) Sardar Sarup Singh.

(iii) On 14th October, 1955, to the **Business Advisory Committee** under Rule 33 (1) :—

(1) Speaker (Ex-Officio Chairman).
(2) Chaudhri Lahri Singh, Minister for Irrigation.
(3) Shri Prabodh Chandra, Chief Parliamentary Secretary.
(4) Shrimati Dr. Parkash Kaur.
(5) Shri Mool Chand Jain.
(6) Sardar Ajmer Singh.

## FINANCIAL BUSINESS (SUPPLEMENTARY)

1. *Supplementary Estimates* (*1st instalment*) 1955-56. Supplementary Estimates (1st Instalment) 1955-56 were presented to the Sabha on the 14th October, 1955, and discussed and voted on the 15th October, 1955.

There were 15 demands in all, totalling a sum of Rs . 1,64,82,890.

Demand No. 1 was carried without any discussion. Demands Nos. 5 to 15 were carried after guillotine. 16 notices of amendments, 7 from the Treasury Benches and 9 from the Opposition to these Demands had been received.

Demands Nos. 2, 3 and 4 were carried after discussion, the amendments proposed thereto were not moved. Please see the table below :—

| Demand No. | Subject | No. of Speakers | | Time taken in minutes | | Amendments | | Not moved | Withdrawn | Lost |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Try | Opp. | Try | Opp. | Try | Opp. | | | |
| 2 | 18—Irrigation | 3 | 1 | 7 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 3 | 25—General Administration | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | (It was received after the Demand was carried. | | |
| 4 | 29—Police | 7 | 5 | 33 | 23 | .. | 3 | 1 (2 were received after the Demand was carried. | | |

2. *Appropriation* (*No.* 3) *Bill*, 1955. Appropriation (No. 3) Bill (Bill No. 36), 1955, in respect of Supplementary Demands granted by the Sabha on the 15th October, 1955, was introduced on the 15th October, 1955.

It was before the Sabha for 58 minutes. 9 members took part in the discussion, 4 from the Opposition and 5 from the Treasury Benches speaking for 25 and 28 minutes respectively.

The Bill was passed.

## LEGISLATION

The Sabha addressed itself to Legislative measures on the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 14th and 15th October, 1955 and passed the following bills including the Appropriation Bill in respect of Supplementary Estimates

The following table in this connection may be perused.

| Serial No. | Title of the Bill | Date of introduction | Number of speeches | | Time taken | | Amendments proposed | | Amendments moved | | Amendments | | Amendments lost | Amendments held out of order | Amendments carried | | Total time taken for disposal | Date of passing | Date of Transmission to the Council | Date when received back from the Council | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Treasury | Opposition | Treasury | Opposition | Treasury | Opposition | Treasury | Opposition | With-drawn | Not moved | | | Treasury | Opposition | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | | | | | H. Min. | H. Min. | | | | | | | | | | | H. Min. | | | | |
| 1 | The Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board Bill, 1955. | 3-10-1955 | 13 | 7 | 2 41 | 1 0 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 2 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 3 | .. | 3 54 | 4-10-55 | 5-10-55 | 19-10-55 | |
| 2 | The Dramatic Performances (Punjab Amendment Bill) 1955. | 4-10-1955 | 12 | 12 | 1 21 | 1 27 | .. | 5 | .. | 3 | .. | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 2 58 | 5-10-55 | 7-10-55 | 19-10-55 | |
| 3 | The Punjab Municipal (Tax Validating) Bill, 1955. | 5-10-1955 | 1 | .. | 0 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 3 | 5-10-55 | 7-10-55 | 19-10-55 | |
| 4 | The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1955. | 5-10-1955 | 2 | 2 | 0 3 | 0 6 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 12 | 5-10-55 | 7-10-55 | 19-10-55 | |
| 5 | The Punjab District Boards (Tax Validating) Bill, 1955. | 5-10-1955 | 1 | 1 | 0 1 | 0 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 5 | 5-10-55 | 7-10-55 | 19-10-55 | |
| 6 | The Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1955. | 5-10-1955 | 1 | 1 | 0 1 | 0 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 4 | 5-10-55 | 7-10-55 | 19-10-55 | |
| 7 | The Punjab Legislative Council Chairman's and Deputy Chairman's Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Bill, 1955 | 5-10-1955 | 1 | .. | 0 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 3 | 5-10-55 | 7-10-55 | 19-10-55 | |
| 8 | The East Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1955. | 14-10-1955 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 2 | 14-10-55 | 14-10-55 | 19-10-55 | |
| 9 | The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1955. | 14-10-1955 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 2 | 14-10-55 | 14-10-55 | 19-10-55 | |
| 10 | The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1955. | 14-10-1955 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 2 | 14-10-55 | 14-10-55 | 19-10-55 | |
| 11 | The Punjab District Boards (Temporary Constitution) (Repeal) Bill, 1955. | 14-10-1955 | 3 | 4 | 0 16 | 0 19 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 36 | 14-10-55 | 14-10-55 | 19-10-55 | |
| 12 | The Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) (Amendment )Bill, 1955. | 14-10-1955 | 1 | .. | 0 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 2 | 14-10-55 | 14-10-55 | 19-10-55 | |
| 13 | The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Validation) Bill, 1955. | 14-10-1955 | .. | 2 | .. | 0 1½ | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 3 | 14-10-55 | 14-10-55 | 19-10-55 | |
| 14 | The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1955. | 14-10-1955 | 2 | 2 | 0 2 | 0 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 8 | 14-10-55 | 14-10-55 | 19-10-55 | |
| 15 | The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1955. | 14-10-1955 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 3 | 14-10-55 | 14-10-55 | 19-10-55 | |
| 16 | The Punjab Land Revenue (Special Assessments) Bill, 1955. | 15-10-1955 | 13 | 4 | 0 52 | 0 20 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 2 | .. | 2 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 24 | 15-10-55 | 15-10-55 | 19-10-55 (With recommendation) | |
| 17 | The Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill, 1955. | 15-10-1955 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 2 | 15-10-55 | 15-10-55 | 19-10-55 | |
| 18 | The Punjab Entertainments Duty Bill, 1955. | 15-10-1955 | 3 | 2 | 0 10 | 0 4 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 3 | .. | 4 | 3 | .. | 3 | .. | 0 28 | 15-10-55 | 15-10-55 | 19-10-55 | |
| 19 | The Motor Vehicles (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1955. | 15-10-1955 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 3 | 15-10-55 | 15-10-55 | 19-10-55 | |
| 20 | The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1955. | 15-10-1955 | 6 | 4 | 0 28 | 0 26 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 58 | 15-10-55 | 15-10-55 | 19-10-55 | |

## RESOLUTIONS

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Notices received | .. | 167 | | |
| Number of Resolutions admitted | .. | 143 | 125 | (Treasury Benches) |
| | | | 18 | (Opposition) |
| Number of Resolutions disallowed | .. | 23 | 20 | (Treasury Benches) |
| | | | 3 | (Opposition) |
| Number of Resolutions referred back | .. | 1 | | |
| Number of Resolutions renewed | .. | 208 | 70 | (Treasury Benches) |
| | | | 138 | (Opposition) |
| Total Number of Admitted Resolutions | .. | 351 | 195 | (Treasury Benches) |
| | | | 156 | (Opposition) |
| Number of Ballot held | .. | 1 | | |
| Date on which Ballot held | .. | 3rd October, 1955 (One Ballot only) | | |
| Number of Resolutions ballotted each time | .. | 10 | | |

Resolutions for the 6th October, 1955 had been ballotted but none of them could be discussed as the Sabha adjourned on the 5th October, 1955, to the 14th October, 1955. No further Ballot was drawn because according to the programme the Sabha was to sit on Friday, the 14th and Saturday, the 15th October, 1955.

## PAPERS PRESENTED TO/LAID BEFORE THE SABHA.

The following papers were presented to/laid before the Sabha :—

| Serial No. | By whom presented. | Date on which presented to/laid. | Subject. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Secretary .. | 3rd October, 1955 | Statement showing the Bills passed by the Punjab State Legislature during its November, 1954 Session (8th Session) and Budget Session, 1955 (10th Session) and assented to by the President/Governor. |
| 2 | Chief Minister .. | Ditto .. | Ordinances Nos. 1—3 of 1955, promulgated since the Prorogation of the last session of the Assembly, as required by Clause 2(a) of Article 213 of the Constitution. |
| 3 | Chief Minister .. | Ditto .. | The Audit Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the accounts of the Punjab Financial Corporation for the period ended 31st March, 1954. |
| 4 | Finance Minister .. | Ditto .. | The Second Annual Report and Accounts of the Punjab Financial Corporation for the period ended 31st March, 1955. |
| 5 | Education Minister .. | Ditto .. | The Rules made under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, as required by Section 133 (3) of the said Act. |
| 6 | Public Works Minister.. | Ditto .. | The amendments made in the Rules framed under the Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) Act, 1952, as required by Section 22 (3) of the said Act. |
| 7 | Secretary (under orders of the Speaker.) | Ditto .. | The Report of the Rules Committee of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha as required under Rule 172—A-VI (new Rule 258) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly. |
| 8 | Shrimati Sita Devi .. | Ditto .. | The Preliminary Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Punjab State Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill, 1953. |
| 9 | Finance Minister .. | 14th October, 1955 | Supplementary Estimates (Ist instalment) 1955-56. |
| 10 | Chairman, Estimates Committee. | Ditto .. | Report of the Committee on Estimates on Supplementary Estimates (1st Instalment) 1955-56. |

## ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

| Serial No. | Member/Members giving notice. | Date. | Subject matter. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Shri Mam Chand. | 3rd October 1955 | Regarding statements made by a Minister privately and publicly about the danger of his being murdered. | The Member being absent, leave to move was not asked for. |
| 2 | Pt. Shri Ram Sharma. | Ditto | Regarding the alleged action of Government in shielding the Executive Officer of Sonepat Municipal Committee against grave charges of corruption. | Ruled out of order on the ground that it related to ordinary administrative matters. |
| 3 | S. Gopal Singh Khalsa. | Ditto .. | Regarding alleged intolerable excesses committed by the Punjab Police in the Parkarma of the Golden Temple, Amritsar on July 4, 1955 | On 4th October, 1955 both these were held out of order by one ruling as they were almost identical. It was held that they dealt with happenings which were not recent and involved matters which were subjudice. Besides S. Ajmer Singh's notice had not disclosed any single specific matter. |
| 4 | S. Ajmer Singh .. | Ditto .. | Alleged police raid on the sacred precincts of Gurdwara Manji Sahib, occupation of Manji Sahib from July 4 to 6; throwing of brick-bats and tear gas shells in the Golden Temple, etc. | (see remark against No. 3) |
| 5 | Maulvi Abdul Ghani Dar. | Ditto .. | Regarding Ludhiana occurrences where Police used power and public met maltreatment. | Ruled out of order, being vague. |
| 6 | S. Chanan Singh Dhut, S. Darshan Singh, Sh. Wadhawa Ram, S. Bachan Singh and S. Achhar Singh Chinna. | Ditto .. | Regarding non-availability of nationalised text books to school students etc. | Ruled out of order, being not in time. |
| 7 | Maulvi Abdul Ghani Dar. | 4th October, 1955 | Regarding unprovoked firing, resulting in bullet wounds, by Punjab Police on unarmed peaceful and innocent group of Harijans at village Bhirelli near Chandigarh, on 3rd October, 1955. | Ruled out of order on the ground that it was not a matter of public importance and that legal remedies were open to the persons concerned and also that the matter was likely to go to a court of law. |

| Serial No. | Member/Members giving notice. | Date. | Subject matter. | REMARKS, |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | S. Harkishan Singh Surjit. | 4th October, 1955 | Regarding the grave situation caused by heavy rains and storm in the past two days and the measures necessary to help the suffering people. | Held that it was unnecessary in view of the statement made by the Chief Minister and the assurance given by him regarding adjourning the House for a short period to enable the Members to visit the affected areas and assess the extent of damage. |
| 9 | Shri Babu Dayal | 5th October, 1955 | Regarding failure of the Government Department to make necessary boarding arrangements in the M. L. As flats to the great inconvenience and harassment of the Members of this House. | Ruled out of order on the ground that non-availability of boarding arrangement for M.L.As was not a fit subject for an adjournment motion. |
| 10 | Shri Babu Dayal | Ditto .. | Regarding a car accident at Ballabgarh in District Gurgaon. | Ruled out of order on the ground that it related to an individual case and was not a matter of public importance. |
| 11 | Shri Babu Dayal | Ditto .. | Regarding temporary collapse of water, electricity and telephone arrangements at Chandigarh on 5th October, 1955 due to complete inefficiency and mismanagement of the department concerned causing great inconvenience and trouble to the public. | Rule dout of order on the ground that "collapse" was due to an act of nature, namely the heavy rains in which no responsibility of Government was involved. |
| 12 | Maulvi Abdul Ghani Dar. | Ditto .. | Regarding serious damage to crops, dwellings and life etc. by heavy rains throughout the State. | Ruled out of order on the ground that the damage had been caused by a natural calamity and no responsibility of Government was involved. |
| 13 | Maulvi Abdul Ghani Dar. | 14th October, 1955 | Regarding alleged negligence and improper handling by Irrigation Department of the waters of Bist Doab Canal and River Ravi which flooded Amritsar District etc. | All the four motions were ruled out of order on the ground that a decision to discuss the flood situation had been taken and time for the purpose allocated. |
| 14 | S. Darshan Singh | Ditto .. | Regarding grave situation created by rains and floods in the State etc. | |
| 15 | Shri Wadhawa Ram. | Ditto .. | Ditto | |
| 16 | S. Chanan Singh Dhut. | Ditto .. | Ditto | |

*Note*—Two adjournment motions have not been included in the statement above, one having been received on 14th October, 1955 at 3 p. m. and the other after the Assembly had adjourned ***sine die.***

## QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

| Serial No. | Date. | Member giving notice. | Subject matter. | REMARKS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 3rd October, 1955 | Maulvi Abdul Ghani Dar. | Regarding alleged promise of the Chief Minister to enquire into the allegations made by a Member of the Opposition against the Education Minister. | Consent not given by the Speaker on the ground that no charges had been allowed to be made in the House. Besides an assurance was not a matter on which a question of privilege could be raised. |

## OTHER MOTIONS.

| Serial No. | Member Moving. | Moved on. | Discussed on. | Subject matter. | Decision. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Shrimati Sita Devi. | 3rd October, 1955 | 3rd October, 1955 | Extension of time up to the end of February, 1956, for submitting its report by the Joint Select Committee on the Punjab State Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill, 1953. | Carried. |
| 2 | Chief Minister | 5th October, 1955 | 5th October, 1955 | Adjournment of the Sabha till 14th October, 1955 | Carried. |
| 3 | Chief Minister | 14th October, 1955 | 14th October, 1955 | Adjournment of the Sabha at 7-30 p. m. instead of 6-30 p.m. on 14th October, 1955 | Carried. |
| 4 | Chief Minister | Ditto .. | Ditto .. | Adjournment of the Sabha at 8 p. m. instead of 7-30 p.m. on 14th October, 1955. | Carried. |
| 5 | Development Minister. | Ditto .. | Ditto .. | Motion under Rule 84 that the situation created by the recent unprecedented rains and floods within the State be taken into consideration. | (not put under the Rules). |
| 6 | Shri Prabodh Chandra. | 15th October, 1955 | 15th October, 1955 | That this House agrees with the allocation of time proposed by the Business Advisory Committee in regard to the business before the House on 15th October, 1955. | Carried. |
| 7 | Chief Minister. | Ditto | Ditto .. | Adjournment of the Sabha *sine die*. | Carried. |

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of Absence was granted by the Sabha to Chaudhri Krishna Gopal Dutt.

## STATEMENTS

The Chief Minister made a statement on 5th October, 1955, regarding the flood situation in the Punjab.

## STATEMENT I

### QUESTIONS

11th *Session*

| Nature of questions. | Number of Notices received. | Number admitted. | Number disallowed. | Number not put and postponed. | | Number answered. | Number deemed to have been answered under Rule 45. | Number of supplementaries put. | REMARKS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | | | | Not put | Postponed | | | | |
| Starred .. | 674 | 481 | 193 | 7 | 3 | 132 (Treasury 68) .. (Opposition 64) .. | 256 (Treasury 129) .. (Opposition 127) .. | 206 | |
| Unstarred .. | 39 | 27 | 12 | .. | .. | 19 (Treasury 1) .. (Opposition 18) .. | .. | .. | |
| Short Notice .. | 33 | 19 | 14 | .. | .. | .. | 4 (Treasury 1) .. (Opposition 3) .. | .. | |

*Note* :—Out of 19 Short Notice Questions admitted by the Speaker, Government agreed to reply to 4 questions which were included in the lists of questions for 14th and 15th October, 1955, but the Question Hour was dispensed with on both these days. Replies to these Questions were under direction from the Speaker laid on the Table on the 15th October, 1955.

# STATEMENT II

## STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF STARRED QUESTIONS ANSWERED DATE-WISE.

| Date. | Treasury Benches. | Opposition. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd October, 1955 .. | 28 | 18 | 46 |
| 4th October, 1955 .. | 22 | 20 | 42 |
| 5th October, 1955 .. | 18 | 26 | 44 |
| 14th October, 1955 .. | *The Question Hour was dispensed with.* | | |
| NUMBER DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN ANSWERED UNDER RULE 45. | | | |
| 15th October, 1955 .. | 129 | 127 | 256 |

*Note.* Replies to all the questions on the order paper for 15th October, 1955 were under direction from the Speaker laid on the Table.

## STATEMENT III

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF STARRED QUESTIONS IN THE NAMES OF DIFFERENT MINISTERS DATE-WISE.

| Date. | Chief Minister. | Development Minister | Irrigation Minister. | Finance Minister. | Education Minister. | Public Works Minister. | Labour Minister. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd October, 1955 .. | 10 | 25 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 64 |
| 4th October, 1955 .. | 13 | 14 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 59 |
| 5th October, 1955 .. | 13 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 53 |
| 15th October, 1955 .. | 54 | 46 | 43 | 19 | 33 | 22 | 5 | 222†† |
| Total .. | 90 | 94 | 69 | 39 | 53 | 41 | 12 | 398* |

†† This number includes questions printed in the lists of questions for 6th, 7th, 10th, 14th and 15th October, 1955. The Assembly did not meet on the 6th, 7th and 10th October, 1955. The Question Hour was dispensed with on 14th and 15th October, 1955. Replies to all Questions n the order paper for the 15th October were under directions from the Speaker laid on the Table.

*Including 7 questions not put and 3 questions postponed.

# STATEMENT IV

**Detailed Statement of Starred Unstarred and Short notice Questions in the name of each Minister date-wise and Department-wise and answered during the October Session 1955**

CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration Department | Home Department | Civil Supplies Department | Panchayat Department | Planning Department | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3-10-55 | Starred .. | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | .. | 1 | 10 | 9 |
| | Unstarred .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Development Department | Consolidation of Holdings | Planning Department | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3-10-55 | Starred .. | 14 | 6 | 1 | 1 | | 3 | .. | 25 | 22 |
| | Unstarred .. | 5 | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | 5 | 5 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | Co-operative Department | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3-10-55 | Starred .. | 6 | 3 | 2 | | | .. | 1 | 12 | 11 |
| | Unstarred .. | 6 | 1 | .. | | | .. | .. | 7 | 7 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | Industries Department | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3-10-55 | Starred .. | 2 | 2 | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B & R) | Local Bodies | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3-10-55 | Starred .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | 1 | 2 | | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## LABOUR MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Labour Department | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3-10-55 | Starred .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | 1 | .. | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration Department | Home Department | Panchayat Department | Planning Department | Civil Supplies Department | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4-10-55 | Starred .. | 2 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | .. | 1 | 13 | 12 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Development Department | Consolidation of Holdings | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4-10-55 | Starred .. | 6 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | .. | 1 | 14 | 13 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4-10-55 | Starred .. | 4 | | | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Industries Department | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4-10-55 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## EDUCATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Education Department | Health Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4-10-55 | Starred .. | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B&R) | Capital Project Department | Local Govt. Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4-10-55 | Starred .. | 1 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | .. | .. | 6 | 6 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

LABOUR MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Labour Department | | | | | | | | Numebr of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4-10-55 | Starred .. | 3 | | | | | | | | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration Department | Home Department | Panchayat Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of question answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5-10-55 | Starred .. | 8 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | 1 | 13 | 12 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short notice .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. |

DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Development Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5-10-55 | Starred .. | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 6 | 6 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short notice | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Co-operative Department | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5-10-55 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short notice | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Finance Department | Industries Department | Relief and Rehabilitation Deptt. | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5-10-55 | Starred .. | 3 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | .. | 1 | 8 | 7 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## EDUCATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Education Department | Health Department | Transport Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5-10-55 | Starred .. | 4 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | .. | .. | 7 | 7 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B.&R.) | Local Bodies | Capital Project | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5-10-55 | Starred .. | 2 | 4 | 2 | | | | | | .. | 1 | 9 | 8 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## LABOUR MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Printing Department | Labour Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5-10-55 | Starred .. | 1 | 2 | | | | | | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration Department | Home Department | Panchayat Department | Planning Department | Jail Department | Civil Supplies Department | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions deemed to have been answered under rule 45 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15-10-55 | Starred .. | 18 | 24 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 1 | | .. | .. | 54 | 54 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short notice | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |

*Note*: Replies to questions entered in the order paper for 15th October were under direction from the Speaker laid on the Table.

## DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Development Department | Consolidation of Holdings | Veterinary Department | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 45 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15-10-55 | Starred .. | 31 | 13 | 2 | 3 | | | | | .. | .. | 49 | 49 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | Co-operative Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | No. of questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 45 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15-10-55 | Starred .. | 35 | 10 | 7 | | | | | | .. | .. | 52 | 52 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short notice | .. | 1 | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Finance Department | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | Industries Department | | | | | | Number of questions Postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | No. of questions deemd to have been answered under Rule 45 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15-10-55 | Starred .. | 5 | 13 | 8 | | | | | | .. | .. | 26 | 26 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

*Note.* Replies to questions entered in the order paper for the 15th October were under direction from the Speaker laid on the Table.

EDUCATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Education Department | Health Department | Transport Department | | No. of questions postponed | No. of questions not put | Total | No. of questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 45 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15-10-55 | Starred .. | 23 | 13 | 7 | | .. | .. | 43 | 43 |
| | Unstarred .. | 1 | .. | .. | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B&R) | Local Bodies | Capital Project | | No. of questions postponed | No. of questions not put | Total | No. of questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 45 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15-10-55 | Starred .. | 6 | 17 | 3 | | .. | .. | 26 | 26 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | 1 | .. | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |

LABOUR MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Printing Department | Labour Department | Excise and Taxation Department | | No. of questions postponed | No. of questions not put | Total | No. of questions deemed to have been answered under Rule 45 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15-10-55 | Starred .. | 2 | 1 | 3 | | .. | .. | 6 | 6 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

*Note.* Replies to questions entered in the order paper for the 15th October were under direction from the Speaker laid on the Table.

## STATEMENT V.

### Salient Figures Relating to Questions

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Total Number of sittings of the Sabha .. | 5 |
| 2. | Number of questions (Starred and Unstarred) received .. | 713 |
| 3. | Number of sittings at which the Question Hour was dispensed with | 2 |
| 4. | Number of members from whom notices were received .. | 44 |
| 5. | Total Number of questions to which oral answers were given .. | 132 |
| 6. | Largest number of questions orally answered on any one day .. | 46 |
| 7. | Least number of questions orally answered on any one day .. | 42 |
| 8. | Total number of Unstarred questions replied to .. | 19 |
| 9. | Largest number of notices received from any one member (Shri Teg Ram) .. | 52 |
| 10. | Largest number of admitted questions in the name of any one Member (Shri Teg Ram) .. | 42 |
| 11. | Largest number of questions addressed to any one Minister (Development Minister) .. | 94 |
| 12. | Largest number of questions orally answered by any one Minister (Development Minister) .. | 41 |
| 13. | Largest number of Short Notice questions answered by any one Minister .. | Nil. |
| 14. | Total number of statements in replies to questions circulated among Members .. | 26 |

## WALK-OUTS

| Serial No. | Date on which staged | Members walking out | Occasion |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 4th October, 1955.. | All Members of the Communist Group | On the refusal by S. Achhar Singh Chinna to withdraw the unparliamentary word "bakvas" that he used. |
| 2 | 14th October, 1955 | Two Members of the Gandhi Janta Congress Party | When Pandit Shri Ram Sharma rose to speak on the flood situation he was asked by the Speaker to limit his speech to a short time. He did not agree and walked out as a protest along with Maulvi Abdul Ghani Dar. |

## DIVISIONS

| Serial No. | Date | Recorded or not | Occasion | Result |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 5th October 1955. | Not recorded | On a motion that Dramatic Performances (Punjab Amendment) Bill be passed. | Motion declared carried. |

STATEMENT SHOWING THE KIND AND QUANTITY OF TRANSLATION WORK DONE DURING THE OCTOBER SESSION OF 1955.

| | | Hindi | Punjabi |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Starred Questions from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 398 | 398 |
| 2. | Unstarred Questions and short notice questions from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 19+4 | 19+4 |
| 3. | Resolutions from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 10 | 10 |
| 4. | Bills from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 22 | 22 |
| 5. | List of Business, from English into Hindi and Punjabi | 6 | 6 |
| 6. | Circular letters from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 14 | 14 |
| 7. | Questions in Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu translated into English .. | 138 | |
| 8. | Letters, resolutions etc translated into English .. | 29 | |

# OBSERVATIONS BY THE SPEAKER

| Serial No. | Date on which made | Subject matter |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 3rd October, 1955 .. | Regarding the Report of the Rules Committee. (*see* page 32 *infra*) |
| 2 | 5th October, 1955 .. | Regarding complaints about disposal of questions entered on the order paper. (*see* page 33 *infra*) |
| 3 | 14th October, 1955 .. | Regarding the Business Advisory Committee. (*see* page 34 *infra*) |

**Observations made by the Speaker on 3rd October, 1955 regarding the Report of the Rules Committee.**

Since I am the Chairman of this Committee I would like to make a few observations in this connection. I appointed this Committee and all sections of this House were represented on it. It had been demanded many a time in this House that the Rules should be modified. Rules were already there but they were very old as they had been framed long ago. The conditions had changed and certain Rules were not in conformity with the present conditions. Therefore, it was felt that these should be amended, modified, re-arranged and renumbered. The Committee held a number of sittings. Major decisions were taken with the concurrence of all members of the Committee. I would not be wrong in saying that most of the important decisions taken were unanimous.

The procedure for laying these modified rules before the Sabha is clearly and specifically laid down in our Rules. This procedure has also been adopted in the Lok Sabha. These Rules will remain before the House for three days and hon. Members can suggest amendments to them. Members can also offer suggestions. All the amendments given notice of by the members and their suggestions will be referred to the Rules Committee and will be left to its decision. The final Report would be laid before the House after the expiry of the period of three days. If any hon. Member would like to speak on his amendments, he would get full opportunity. The Rules which have been framed are such that there can be no disagreement on them and in my opinion no discussion would be necessary. However, I would like to point out that only such amendments be suggested which are in keeping with the spirit of these Rules. This is all that I have to say in this connection. (See page 31 *ante*)

**Observations made by the Speaker on 5th October, 1955 regarding disposal of Questions entered on the Order Paper daily.**

Many hon. Members have complained that the questions always remain in arrears and we are never able to finish all the questions entered on the order paper for any particular day. I too, feel the same way. But I think, that this difficulty can be over-come if we go a little fast with the questions. I would advise the Members to avoid repeating supplementaries. If this is done then it would be possible for us to finish the lists of questions daily. (See page 31 *ante*)

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**Observations made by the Speaker on 14th October, 1955 regarding constitution of the Business Advisory Committee.**

I wish to inform the House that our Rules of Procedure which have been finalised, will come into force with effect from to-day. Apart from other changes which have been effected in view of the procedure adopted in the Lok Sabha and other Legislatures, a very significant change has been brought about in them and that is, that a Business Advisory Committee of the House has been constituted. This Committee will often meet to scrutinise the Business to be transacted by the House and then the proposed time table will be put before the House for its approval. Accordingly, under Rule 33(1) I nominate the following as Members of the Business Advisory Committee.

1. Speaker,—*Ex-officio Chairman.*
2. Chaudhri Lahri Singh, Minister for Irrigation.
3. Shri Prabodh Chandra.
4. Shrimati Dr. Parkash Kaur.
5. Shri Mool Chand Jain.
6. Sardar Ajmer Singh. (See page 31 *ante*)

**Points of order and the decisions thereon.**

1. Whether the House could rescind its own decision.

The Speaker held that a decision of the House could be rescinded by a regular motion at any time and that the House was fully competent to discuss, accept or reject that motion.

(On 4th October 1955, 3 amendments moved by Shri Dev Raj Sethi to clause 6 of the Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board Bill, 1955 were put and carried. The Finance Minister subsequently moved that the House shall rescind its decision in regard to one of those amendments. On a point of order raised by Shri Mool Chand Jain, the Speaker gave the above ruling).

2. Whether at the third reading of the Bill, clauses already passed can be reconsidered.

It was held that this could not be done. The House could discuss the manner of the implementation of the clauses and not the general principles of Bill.

3. Whether any hon. Member could criticise the decision of the House already taken by it.

It was held that it could not be done.

**Unparliamentary Expressions.**

| | Date |
|---|---|
| " Bakvas " | .. 4th October, 1955. |
| " Lachar " | .. 4th October, 1955. |

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF SPEECHES MADE BY THE MEMBERS OF THE TREASURY BENCHES AND OPPOSITION GROUPS AND THE TIME TAKEN BY THEM.

| Session | No. of speeches made by ; | | | Time taken by : | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *Treasury Benches* | | | *Treasury Benches* | | |
| | Members | Ministers | Members of the Opposition Groups | Members | Ministers | Members of the Opposition Groups |
| | | | | H. M | H M | H M |
| 10th Session (Budget Session, 1955) .. | 177 (49·2 per-cent) | 49 (13·6 per-cent) | 134 (37·2 per-cent) | 25 41 (43 6 per-cent) | 12 49 (21·7 per-cent) | 20 21 (34·7 per-cent) |
| 11th Session (October Session, 1955) | 80 (46·8 per-cent) | 29 (17·0 per-cent) | 62 (36·2 per-cent) | 6 33 (40·9 per-cent) | 4 11 (26·1 per-cent) | 5 16½ (33·0 per-(cent) |

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PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA

# RESUME

OF

# Business transacted by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha

DURING

The 11th Session from 24th November to 26th November, 1955

*Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat, Chandigarh*
*December, 1955.*

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## PROGRAMME OBSERVED BY THE PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA DURING ITS 11TH SESSION HELD IN NOVEMBER, 1955

| Date | Programme observed |
|---|---|
| 24th November, 1955 .. | Consideration of the Report of the States Reorganisation Commission |
| 25th November, 1955 .. | Ditto |
| 26th November, 1955 .. | Ditto |

## SUMMONS AND SITTINGS

The Punjab Vidhan Sabha which adjourned *sine die* on the 15th October, 1955 was summoned to meet on the 24th November, 1955 by the Speaker, under the second proviso to rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly and continued to meet till the 26th November, 1955 when it again adjourned *sine die* having held during this period three sittings.

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## DISCUSSION ON THE REPORT OF THE STATES REORGANISATION COMMISSION

On a motion made by the Chief Minister—

"That the Report of the States Reorganisation Commission be taken into consideration"

the Sabha addressed itself to consider the Report on 24th, 25th and 26th November, 1955, the discussion lasting 15 hours and 44 minutes. The Chief Minister, while moving spoke for 25 minutes. 20 Members from the Opposition and 47 Members from the Treasury Benches took part in the discussion speaking for 5 hours and 31 minutes and 9 hours and 48 minutes respectively.

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## PAPERS PRESENTED TO/LAID BEFORE THE SABHA

The following papers were presented to/laid before the Sabha :—

| Serial No. | By whom presented | Date on which presented to/laid | Subject |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Secretary .. | 24th November, 1955 | Statement showing the Bills passed by the Punjab State Legislature during its sittings of the present (11th) session held in October, 1955 and assented to by the Governor. |
| 2 | Seeretary .. | Ditto .. | The Punjab Land Revenue (Special Assessments) Bill, 1955, which was passed by the Sabha on 15th October, 1955 and returned by the Punjab Legislative Council with recommendation on 19th October, 1955. |
| 3 | Chief Minister .. | Ditto .. | Report of the States Reorganisation Commission. |
| 4 | Finance Minister .. | Ditto .. | Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General on the Appropriation Accounts of the State of Punjab for the year 1952-53 and Audit Report, 1954. |
| 5 | Labour Minister .. | Ditto .. | Rules made under the Punjab Tobacco Vend Fees Act, 1954, as required by Section 18 (3) of the said Act. |

## ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

| Serial No. | Member/Members giving notice | Date | Subject matter | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Sardar Chanan Singh Dhut, Sardar Achhar Singh Chhina, Sardar Darshan Singh. | 24th November, 1955 | Regarding the situation created by the strike of workers in Saraswati Engineering Works and alleged failure of Government to refer the dispute to Industrial Tribunal for adjudication | Ruled out of order on the ground that it was vague, that no place where the Mill is situated had been specified and that as required by Rules, was not accompanied by an Explanatory memorandum. |
| 2 | Maulvi Abdul Ghani Dar | 26th November, 1955 | Regarding certain remarks made by Shri Prabodh Chandra, Chief Parliamentary Secretary in the House on 25th November, 1955 | Ruled out of order on the ground that the matter relating to any remarks made by a Member on the floor of the House could not, under the Rules, be raised by way of an Adjournment Motion. Moreover, the same Member had given notice for raising a question of *Privilege on the same subject. |

(*See page 6 infra)

## QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

On 26th November, 1955, Maulvi Abdul Ghani Dar sought to raise a question involving a breach of Privilege regarding certain remarks made in the House by Shri Prabodh Chandra, on 25th November, 1955.

The Speaker did not give his consent to it on the ground that the matter had already been decided there and then.

(See Ruling at page 18 infra)

# OTHER MOTIONS

| Serial No. | Member moving | Moved on | Discussed on | Subject matter | Decision |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Chief Minister | 24th November, 1955 | 24th November, 1955 | Adjournment of the Assembly at 7.30 p.m. instead of 6.30 p.m., on 24th November, 1955 | Carried |
| 2 | Ditto .. | Ditto .. | Ditto .. | Suspension of Rule 30 and transaction of Government business, on 24th November, 1955 | Do |
| 3 | Ditto .. | 25th November, 1955 | 25th November, 1955 | Adjournment of the Assembly at 8.30 p.m. instead of 6.30 p.m., on 25th November, 1955 | Do |
| 4 | Ditto .. | 26th November, 1955 | 26th November, 1955 | Adjournment of the Assembly *sine die.* | Do |

## STATEMENT I

### QUESTIONS

*11th Session (meetings held in November, 1955)*

| Nature of questions | Number of notice received | Number admitted | Number disallowed | Number not put and postponed | Number answered | Number deemed to have been answered under Rule 45 | Number of supplementaries put | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Starred .. | 5 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | *75 (Treasury 32 (Opposition 43) | .. | |
| Unstarred .. | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | *10 (Treasury 2 Opposition 8) | .. | |
| Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |

Question Hour was dispensed with on 24th, 25th and 26th November, 1955.

On 25th and 26th November, 1955, replies to all the questions on the order paper for 25th and 26th November, 1955, were laid on the Table under Rule 45 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business. Questions on the order paper for 25th November, 1955 comprised questions on the Lists of Questions for 24th November and 25th November, 1955.

*These figures include those questions which were (i) pending on 16th October, 1955 and (ii) notices of which were received till 10th November, 1955.

## STATEMENT II

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF STARRED QUESTIONS ANSWERED DATE-WISE

| Date | Treasury Benches | Opposition | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Number deemed to have been answered under Rule 45** | | | |
| 24th November, 1955 .. <br> 25th November, 1955 .. | 26 | 40 | 66 |

*Note.*—The Question Hour was dispensed with on 24th and 25th November, 1955 and replies to all the questions on the order paper for 25th November comprising questions on the Lists of Questions for 24th and 25th November, 1955 were under direction from the Speaker laid on the Table.

| Date | Treasury Benches | Opposition | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 26th November, 1955 .. | 6 | 3 | 9 |

*Note.*—The Question Hour was dispensed with on 26th November, 1955 and all questions on the order paper were deemed to have been answered under Rule 45.

## STATEMENT III

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF STARRED QUESTIONS IN THE NAMES OF DIFFERENT MINISTERS DATE-WISE

| Date | Chief Minister | Development Minister | Irrigation Minister | Finance Minister | Education Minister | Public Works Minister | Labour Minister | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24th November, 1955 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 44 |
| 25th November, 1955 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 22 |
| 26th November, 1955 | 3 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9 |
| Total .. | 19 | 13 | 13 | 4 | 14 | 10 | 2 | 75 |

The Question Hour was dispensed with on 24th, 25th and 26th November, 1955.

# STATEMENT IV

**Detailed statement of starred, unstarred and short notice questions in the name of each Minister, date wise and Department-wise and answered during the autumn-session 1955**

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Planning Department | Home Department | Panchayats Departments | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25th November 1955 | Starred .. | 7 | 1 | 7 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16 | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 | .. |
| | Short notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Forest Department | Consolidation of Holdings Department | Development Department | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25th November 1955 | Starred | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10 | .. |
| | Unstarred | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. |
| | Short notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | Co-operative Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25th November 1955 | Starred .. | 8 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10 | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | .. |
| | Short notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

*Note.*—Replies to all these questions were, under direction from the Speaker, laid on the Table.

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | Industires Department | | | | | | Nubmer of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25-11-1955 | Starred .. | 4 | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | 1 | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 2 | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## EDUCATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Education Department | Health Department | Transport Department | | | | | Number of question postponed | Number of question not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25-11-1955 | Starred .. | 8 | 5 | 1 | | | | | .. | .. | 14 | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B.&R.) Department | Local Bodies Department | Capital Project Department | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25-11-1955 | Starred .. | 3 | 6 | 1 | | | | | .. | .. | 10 | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

*Note*—Replies to all these questions were, under direction from the Speaker laid on the Table.

LABOUR MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Excise and Taxation Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25-11-1955 | Starred .. | 2 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 2 | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration Department | Panchayats Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26-11-1955 | Starred .. | 1 | 2 | | | | | | .. | .. | 3 | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26-11-1955 | Starred .. | 3 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 3 | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

*Note.*—**Replies to all these questions were, under direction from the Speaker, laid on the Table.**

**Detailed Statement of Starred, Unstarred and Short Notice Questions in the name of each Minister, Date-wise and Department-wise and Answered during the Autumn Session, 1955**

IRRIGATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26-11-55 | Starred .. | 3 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 3 | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

*Note*:—Replies to all these questions were, under direction from the Speaker, laid on the Table.

## WALK OUTS/WITHDRAWALS

On 26th November, 1955 during the course of discussion Shri Chandan Lal Jaura, while objecting to certain remarks made by Shri Kedar Nath Saigal, made some remarks himself to which objection was taken. On being asked to withdraw those remarks, he refused to withdraw them and withdrew from the House.

**Statement showing the Translation work done in connection with the Assembly Session held on 24th, 25th and 26th November, 1955**

| | | Hindi | Punjabi |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Starred questions translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 75 | 75 |
| 2. | Unstarred questions translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 10 | 10 |
| 3. | Lists of business and circulars translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi and cyclostyled .. | 5 | 5 |
| 4. | Letters and questions etc. received from M.L.A's in Hindi and Punjabi, translated into English .. | | 5 |

## Points of order and the decisions thereon

1. Whether a Minister can guide or advise the Speaker after he has given a Ruling ?

It was held that for the clarification of any point at issue the Speaker can hear any member and accept what he says if he finds it correct. (25th November, 1955).

2. Whether a list of Members intending to speak, given by a party-whip to the Speaker, is binding on him and also whether the whip can say that time should be apportioned in such and such manner between members with one point of view and members with another point of view.

It was held that Chair was not bound to do a thing unless it was provided in the Rules. It had to act upon the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, keeping in view the conventions and the demands of courtesy and expediency. It cannot be compelled or brow-beaten to use its discretion in a particular manner. (25th November, 1955).

3. Whether partiality on the part of the Chair is not implied in the question " Is the Chair interested in the humiliation of a Member or Leader?"

The Speaker held that such a question was objectionable. Shri Kedar Nath Saigal while speaking had made references to some actions of the Leader. The Speaker had asked him to be relevant. He, however, repeated the same remarks a number of times. Shri Chandan Lal Jaura got up and asked, "Is the Chair interested in the humiliation of the Chief Minister?" At this stage Pandit Shri Ram Sharma and Shri Dharamvir Vasisht raised the above point of order. The Speaker further observed, "I am not interested in this side or that side. I am not attached to the Leader or any party or any group. I am loyal to none else except the Chair and the Rules of Procedure ". (26th November, 1955).

## Rulings by the Chair

1. *Regarding reference to members of the States Reorganisation Commission.*—"The hon. Member(Shri Ram Kumar Bidhat) need not refer to the Members of the States Reorganisation Commission individually." (24th November, 1955).

2. *Regarding language to be used for making a Speach in the House.*—"The hon. Member (Shri Devi Lal) cannot make a speech in Bagri in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha. He may speak either in Hindi or in English or in Punjabi." (25th November, 1955).

3. *Regarding reference to the decisions and affairs of a Party.*—"The decisions and affairs of the Congress Assembly Party cannot be discussed here. The hon. Member (Shrimati Shanno Devi) should not indulge in such things." (25th November, 1955).

4. *Regarding right of a Member to guide the Chair.*—" I may tell you that Members having different view-points come to me in my Chamber and give their views. But the Chair is not connected with or prejudiced against any view point. The Chair will act as it deems fit. No Member has a right to interfere in its affairs. If certain suggestions are worthy of acceptance, the Chair will think over them. But no outside interference can be permitted in its affairs. I will do as I think fit. This is my discretion". (25th November, 1955).

5. *Regarding the calling of Members to speak.*—" I have given sufficient consideration to the point of order which was raised when Khan Sahib was in the Chair. The problem that is under discussion today is of a great import and there is considerable divergence of opinion among the members in regard to it. A number of conventions exist, so far as the Chair is concerned. So far as the Opposition is concerned, the Akalis, the Communists and the members of the Gandhi Janta Party have given expression to their views and I have no cause for any complaint against them but I am pained to find that an attempt is being made by a member of the Congress Party to set up a new convention. I have been giving time to the Congress Party, ignoring the conflict and differences, if any, among the members of that party themselves. The Chief Whip of the Congress Party has said that such and such persons have not been given time to speak or have been given less time. The Leader of the House had stated yesterday that no whip would be issued nor would any list of members holding any particular views be given .I have given time to members holding all kinds of views . If the Chief Whip had settled with me that the old convention might be changed and the members were to be given time according to the list of members prepared on the basis of the nature of their views, I would have acted accordingly. Eighty per cent of the members share a particular view ; they gave me their names three days ago. Members holding the other view, Shri Som Datta Bahri, Shrimati Shanno Devi and Shri Gupta have also been given time. If other members sharing their view do not rise, what can I do". (25th November, 1955).

6. *Regarding a Question involving a Breach of Privilege viz. certain remarks made by the Chief Parliamentary Secretary* (Shri Prabodh Chandra):—"We have to run this House on democratic lines. So whereas it is my duty to safeguard the privileges of the hon. Members, it is equally their duty also to desist from exchanging hot words here in the House.

After all this is a matter which concerns our State and its future as well. It would not be proper to discuss this matter by generating heat in the House or by passing taunting remarks against one an other. This is an important matter which

needs to be discussed in a very calm and cool spirit, and by maintaining propely the dignity of the House. I am sorry that yesterday in my absence during the course of discussion the passions of some members ran high. I came to the Chamber when sufficient heat had been generated. The hon. Members would realise that such matters cannot be properly discussed in a hot temper. I request the hon. Members to consider this Report calmly and place their view-points and also hear the Opposition Party calmly. I suggest that it would be desirable that that part of the proceedings which has lowered the decorum of the House be expunged from yesterday's proceedings because they have to go to the Parliament. There they must not have the feelings that the discussion has not been held in a cool atmosphere. We should give this impression that the members of this House have made their suggestions after thoroughly considering this report. I think this un happy incident of yesterday shall be expunged from the proceedings (voices : yes). I do not think that this is a matter on which a question of privilege can be raised because there is nothing in it except that some unpalatable remarks were exchanged by the members. (26th November, 1955).

(see Question of Privilege page 6 ante·)

**Unparliamentary Expressions**

| | Date |
|---|---|
| *"Jhut"* (झूट) .. | 24th November, 1955. |
| *"Is house men tamiz se baat karni chahie"* .. | 25th November, 1955. |

इस हाऊस में तमीज़ से बात करनी चाहिए ।

## Comparative Statement of Speeches made by the Members of the Treasury Benches and Opposition Groups and the Time taken by them

| Session | Number of speeches made | | Time taken by | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Treasury Benches | Members of the Opposition Groups | Treasury Benches | Members of the Opposition Groups |
| | | | H. M. | H. M. |
| 11th Session (November 1955) meetings .. | 48 (70·59 per cent) | 20 (29·41 per cent) | 10—15½ (64·81 per cent) | 5—34 (35·19 per cent) |

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# PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA

# RESUME

OF

# Business transacted by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha

## DURING THE BUDGET SESSION, 1956

(12th Session)

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# PREFACE

The following pages contain information in a consolidated form about the business transacted in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha during its 12th Session commencing from the 1st March, 1956.

Suggestions by Members for an improvement of such publications in future would be very greatly welcomed.

CHANDIGARH :
The 10th July, 1956

KULDIP CHAND BEDI,
Secretary

## PROGRAMME OBSERVED BY THE PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA DURING ITS BUDGET SESSION (12TH SESSION) HELD FROM THE 1ST MARCH TO 12TH APRIL, 1956.

| Date | Programme observed |
|---|---|
| 1st March, 1956 .. | Governor's Address to the Members of both the Houses assembled together. |
| 2nd March, 1956 .. | References to the death of the late Shri G. V. Mavalankar, late Acharya Narendra Deva and late Dr., Meghnath Saha. |
| 3rd March, 1956 .. | (i) Presentation of the Supplementary Estimates (Second Instalment), 1955-56.<br>(ii) Presentation of the Report of the Committee on Estimates on the Supplementary Estimates (Second Instalment), 1955-56.<br>(iii) Discussion on the Governor's Address. |
| 4th March, 1956 .. | Sunday. |
| 5th March, 1956 .. | Resumption of Discussion on the Governor's Address. |
| 6th March, 1956 .. | Resumption of Discussion on the Governor's Address—(*concld.*) |
| 7th March, 1956 .. | Voting of Supplementary Demands. |
| 8th March, 1956 .. | The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 1956. |
| 9th March, 1956 .. | Presentation of Budget for the year 1956-57. |
| 10th and 11th March, 1956 .. | Off-days. |
| 12th March, 1956 .. | General discussion of the Budget for the year 1956-57. |
| 13th March, 1956 .. | Resumption of General Discussion of the Budget. |
| 14th March, 1956 .. | Resumption of General Discussion of the Budget |
| 15th March, 1956 .. | Resumption of General Discussion of the Budget—(*concld.*) |
| 16th March, 1956 .. | Government Demands for Grants (Demands Nos. 10 and 13). |
| 17th and 18th March, 1956 .. | Off-days. |
| 19th March, 1956 .. | Resumption of Discussion on Government Demands for Grants (Demands Nos. 10 and 13)—(*concld.*) |
| 20th March, 1956 .. | Government Demands for Grants (Demands Nos. 27 and 24). |
| 21st March, 1956 .. | Government Demand for Grant (Demand No. 15). |
| 22nd March, 1956 (Morning Sitting) | Consideration of the Draft States Reorganisation Bill. |
| (Evening Sitting) .. | (i) Introduction of—<br>1. The Court Fees (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>2. The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>3. The Punjab Betterment Charges and Acreage Rates (Amendment) Bill, 1956. |

| Date | Programme observed |
| --- | --- |
| 22nd March, 1956 (Evening Sitting)—*concld.* | 4. The Land Acquisition (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>5. The Punjab Court of Wards (Repeal) Bill, 1956.<br>6. The Punjab Revenue Appeals and Proceedings (Disposal and Restoration) Bill, 1956.<br>7. The Punjab Industrial Housing Bill, 1956.<br>(ii) Government Demands for Grants (Demands Nos. 14, 20 and 21). |
| 23rd March, 1956 (Morning Sitting) .. | Resumption of Discussion on the Draft States Reorganisation Bill. |
| (Evening Sitting) .. | (i) Resumption of Discussion on Government Demands for Grants (Demands Nos. 14, 20 and 21).<br>(ii) Other Demands for Grants.<br>(iii) Resumption of Discussion on the Draft States Re-organisation Bill—(*concld.*) |
| 24th March, 1956 .. | (i) Introduction of—<br>1. The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>2. The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>(ii) The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1956. |
| 25th to 27th March, 1956 .. | Off-days. |
| 28th March, 1956 .. | (i) Presentation of the Second Preliminary Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Punjab State Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill, 1953.<br>(ii) Introduction of—<br>The Indian Lunacy (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>(iii) 1. The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>2. The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1956. |
| 29th March, 1956 .. | (i) 1. Presentation of the Fourth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1951-52 and Audit Report, 1953.<br>2. Presentation of the Report of the Estimates Committee on the Budget Estimates for the year 1955-56.<br>3. Presentation of the Report of the Committee on Government Assurances for the year 1955-56. |

| Date | Programme observed |
|---|---|
| 29th March, 1956—*concld.* | NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS<br>(ii) Leave to introduce the following non-official bills was refused :—<br>1. The Punjab Reservation of Culturable Waste Land Bill, 1955.<br>2. The Punjab Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>3. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>(iii) Motions for leave to introduce the following non-official bills were, by leave of the House, withdrawn—<br>1. The Punjab Urban Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>2. The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>3. The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>4. The Punjab Anti-Cattle Slaughter Bill, 1955.<br>(iv) Introduction of—<br>The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>(v) Resolution—<br>"This Assembly recommends to the Government that with a view to improving the breed of Cows the Mewat Area in Gurgaon District be declared as a cow breeding area and that it should provide monetary aid, establish Dairy Farms and Go-sadans in that area and award prizes to those who breed best cows." |
| 30th March to 1st April, 1956 | Off-days. |
| 2nd April, 1956 .. | (i) Introduction of—<br>The Ambala District Board Tax Validating Bill, 1956.<br>(ii) Official Resolution—<br>"That a Punjab Parliamentary Group of this Legislature be formed in this State with such aims and objects as the Speaker of the Punjab Legislative Assembly and the Chairman of the Punjab Legislative Council in consultation with the Chief Minister may determine."<br>(iii) Punjab's Second Five-Year Plan. |
| 3rd April, 1956 .. | (i) Introduction of—<br>The Punjab Municipal (Tax Validating) Bill, 1956.<br>(ii) Punjab's Second Five-Year Plan. |

| Date | Programme observed |
|---|---|
| 4th April, 1956 .. | (i) Introduction of— The East Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>(ii) Punjab's Second Five-Year Plan. |
| | NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS |
| 5th April, 1956 .. | (i) Introduction of— The Societies Registration (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>(ii) *Resolution.* 1. Resumption of discussion on the resolution moved on the 29th March, 1956 namely, "This Assembly recommends to the Government that with a view to improving the breed of cows the Mewat Area in Gurgaon District be declared as a cow breeding area and that it should provide monetary aid, establish Dairy Farms and Go-sadans in that area and award prizes to those who breed best cows."<br>2. "This Assembly recommends to the Government to distribute all Government culturable waste land in the State among Harijan Agriculturists and landless peasants." |
| 6th April, 1956 .. | (i) Introduction of—<br>1. The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>2. The Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation Bill, 1956.<br>(ii) 1. The Punjab Prohibition of Cow Slaughter Bill, 1955.<br>2. The Punjab Land Revenue (Special Assessments) Bill, 1955.<br>3. The Court Fees (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>4. The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1956. |
| 7th April to 9th April, 1956 .. | Off-days. |
| 10th April, 1956 .. | 1. The Land Acquisition (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>2. The Punjab Court of Wards (Repeal) Bill, 1956.<br>3. The Punjab Revenue Appeals and Proceedings (Disposal and Restoration) Bill, 1956.<br>4. The Punjab Industrial Housing Bill, 1956.<br>5. The Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation Bill, 1956.<br>6. The East Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1956. |

| Date | Programme observed |
|---|---|
| 11th April, 1956 .. | 1. Official Resolution—<br>"Whereas for the purpose of securing uniformity in Legislation it is desirable that the control and regulation of Prize Competitions and all other matters ancillary thereto should be regulated in the State of Punjab by the Prize Competitions Act, 1955 (42 of 1955) passed by Parliament ;<br>Now, therefore, in pursuance of clause (I) of Article 252 of the Constitution, this Assembly resolves that the Act aforesaid be adopted by the State of Punjab."<br>2. Resumption of consideration of the East Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1956. |
| 12th April, 1956 .. | 1. Resumption of consideration of the East Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>2. The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>3. Motion regarding the extension of time for presenting the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Punjab State Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill, 1953.<br>4. The Kuruksetra University Bill, 1956.<br>5. The Punjab Registration Validating Bill, 1956.<br>6. The Punjab Debtors' Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1956. |

## SUMMONS AND SITTINGS

The 11th Session having been prorogued by an Order of the Governor, dated the 9th December, 1955, the Punjab Vidhan Sabha was summoned to meet for its 12th Session on the 1st March, 1956, by an order dated the 3rd February, 1956, and continued to meet till the 12th April, 1956, when it adjourned *sine die*, having held, during this period a total number of 31 sittings. On Thursdays, the 29th March, 1956, and the 5th April, 1956, business other than Government business was transacted. The 12th Session was prorogued by an Order of the Governor dated the 24th April, 1956.

## PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

On the 3rd March, 1956, the Speaker nominated the following on the Panel of Chairmen under Rule 13 (1) :—

(1) Shrimati Dr. Parkash Kaur.
(2) Dewan Jagdish Chandra.
(3) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan.
(4) Principal Iqbal Singh.

## COMMITTEES

1. NOMINATION BY THE SPEAKER—

(i) On 3rd March, 1956, to the **Committee on Petitions** under rule 293 :—

(1) Chaudhri Sarup Singh, Deputy Speaker—*Chairman.*
(2) Shri Amir Chand Gupta.
(3) Sardar Waryam Singh.
(4) Shri Dharam Vir Vasisht.
(5) Principal Iqbal Singh.

(ii) On 12th March, 1956, to the **Committee of Privileges** under Rule 274-(i) :—

(1) Chaudhri Sarup Singh, Deputy Speaker—*Chairman.*
(2) Captain Ranjit Singh.
(3) Gyani Rajinder Singh.
(4) Shri D. D. Puri.
(5) Dewan Jagdish Chandra.
(6) Rao Abhai Singh.
(7) Shrimati Shanno Devi.
(8) Shri Hari Ram.
(9) Sardar Harkishan Singh Surjit.
(10) Sardar Sarup Singh.

(iii) On 29th March, 1956, to the **Committee on Assurances** under Rule 261 :—

(1) *Shri Mool Chand Jain—*Chairman.*
(2) Dewan Jagdish Chandra.
(3) Chaudhri Lajpat Rai.
(4) Master Daulat Ram.
(5) Bakshi Partap Singh.
(6) **Master Gurbanta Singh.
(7) Shri Daulat Ram Sharma.
(8) Shri Sri Chand.
(9) Sardar Wazir Singh.

(iv) On 29th March, 1956, to the **Rules Committee** under Rule 254 (1) :—

(1) Sardar Gurdial Singh Dhillon, (Speaker),—*Chairman.*
(2) Professor Sher Singh.
(3) Sardar Gurbachan Singh Bajwa.
(4) Shri D. D. Puri.
(5) Shri Ram Kishan.
(6) Captain Ranjit Singh.
(7) Sardar Gopal Singh Khalsa.
(8) Sardar Harkishan Singh Surjit.

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*Shri Mool Chand Jain having accepted ministerial Office resigned from the Committee on 23rd April, 1956. In his place, the hon. Speaker nominated Shri Dev Raj Sethi as Member of the Committee and appointed him as its Chairman on 11th June, 1956.

**Master Gurbanta Singh having accepted ministerial office resigned from the Committee on the 4th July, 1956. In his place the hon. Speaker nominated Shri Chuni Lal

(v) On 29th March, 1956, to the **Library Committee** under Rule 266 :—

(1) Principal Harbhajan Singh,—*Chairman*.
(2) Principal Rala Ram.
(3) Professor Mota Singh.
(4) Rao Abhai Singh.
(5) Shrimati Sita Devi.
(6) Shri Chand Ram Ahlawat.

II. ELECTION BY THE SABHA—

(i) On 28th March, 1956, to the **Committee on Public Accounts** for 1956-57 under Rule 250 :—

(1) *Shri Ram Kishan ,—*Chairman*.
(2) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan.
(3) *Shri Balwant Rai Tayal.
(4) *Shri Devi Lal.
(5) Bhagat Guran Dass Hans.
(6) Shri Gurdatt Singh.
(7) Professor Mota Singh.
(8) Shri Partap Singh Bakshi.
(9) Sardar Sarup Singh.

In this Session the Sabha recommended to the Punjab Legislative Council to agree to nominate 3 members from the Council to associate with this Committee of the Sabha and to communicate the names of the Members so nominated. The Punjab Legislative Council concurred in the motion and nominated the following :—

(1) Shri A. C. Bali.
(2) *Shri Darbari Lal Gupta.
(3) Sardar Naginder Singh.

**Note* :—Sarvshri Ram Kishan and Balwant Rai Tayal having accepted ministerial offices submitted their resignations on 3rd May, 1956 and 22nd April, 1956 respectively. Shri Devi Lal, having accepted the office of the Chief Parliamentary Secretary submitted his resignation on 10th May, 1956. The term of office of Shri Darbari Lal Gupta as M.L.C. expired on 26th April 1956. These four Members have ceased to be Members of the Committee with effect from those dates.

(ii) On 28th March, 1956, to the **Committee on Estimates** for 1956-57, under Rule 252 :—

(1) Shri D. D. Puri,—*Chairman*.
(2) Sardar Achhar Singh Chhina.
(3) *Sardar Amar Singh.
(4) Shri Baloo Ram.
(5) Thakur Mehar Singh.
(6) Shri Niranjan Dass Dhiman.
(7) Master Partap Singh.
(8) Sardar Partap Singh Rai.
(9) Shri Samar Singh.

**Note* :—Sardar Amar Singh having accepted ministerial office submitted his resignation on the 22nd April, 1956. He ceased to be a Member of the Committee with effect from that date.

## PUNJAB PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

On the 2nd April, 1956, the following resolution relating to the formation of the Punjab Parliamentary Group was passed by the Sabha unanimously, the discussion lasting 25 minutes :—

"That a Punjab Parliamentary Group of the Legislature be formed in this State with such aims and objects as the Speaker of the Punjab Legislative Assembly and the Chairman of the Punjab Legislative Council in consultation with the Chief Minister may determine."

## GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

The Governor addressed Members of both the Houses assembled together on Thursday, the 1st March, 1956, at 12.00 noon.

The Speaker laid a copy of the Governor's Address before the Sabha on the 3rd March, 1956.

The Motion of Thanks on the Address was moved and seconded on the 3rd March, 1956. It was discussed on the 3rd, 5th and 6th March, 1956.

Thirty-two members took part in the discussion, 14 from the Opposition and 18 from the Treasury Benches speaking for 260 and 345 minutes, respectively.

Twenty-five amendments, 8 by the Opposition and 17 by the Treasury Benches, were moved to the motion.

Nine of these amendments moved by the members from the Treasury Benches were withdrawn. 16 (8 from the Treasury Benches and 8 from the Opposition) were negatived.

The motion was carried on the 6th March, 1956, without any division. It was communicated by the Speaker to the Governor the same day, whose acknowledgement was read out to the House on the 13th March, 1956.

# FINANCIAL BUSINESS (SUPPLEMENTARY)

1. Supplementary Estimates (Second Instalment) 1955-56—

Supplementary Estimates (Second Instalment) 1955-56 were presented to the Sabha on the 3rd March, 1956 and discussed and voted on the 7th March, 1956.

There were 22 demands in all, totalling a sum of Rs 5,39,77,510.

Demands Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 were carried without any discussion. Demands Nos. 10 to 22 were carried after guillotine. Nine notices of amendments, (8 from the Treasury Benches and 1 from the Opposition) to these Demands had been received.

Demands Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 9 were carried after discussion. The amendments proposed thereto were either negatived or withdrawn. (Please see the table below).—

| Demand No. | Subject | No. of speakers | | Time taken in minutes | | Amendments | | Not moved | Out of order | With drawn | Lost |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Try. | Opp. | Try. | Opp. | Try. | Opp. | | | | |
| 3 | XVII—Irrigation Working Expenses and 18 Irrigation | 6 | 5 | 19 | 19 | 8 | 8 | .. | 8 | 1 | 7 |
| 4 | 47—Miscellaneous Departments | 3 | 2 | 9 | 16 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. |
| 5 | 37—Education .. | 5 | 5 | 32 | 19 | 6 | 2 | .. | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| 9 | 54—Famine | 9 | 1 | 42 | 1 | 3 | 2 | .. | .. | 3 | 2 |

2. Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 1956.—

Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, (Bill No. 1—PLA), 1956, in respect of Demands for Supplementary Grants voted by the Sabha on the 7th March, 1956, was introduced on the 8th March, 1956.

It was before the Sabha for 108 minutes. Twelve members took part in the discussion, 5 from the Opposition and 7 from the Treasury Benches speaking for 45 minutes and 63 minutes, respectively.

The Bill was passed.

# BUDGET

The Budget was presented by the Finance Minister with a speech on the 9th March, 1956.

## (I) General Discussion

General discussion on the Budget took place on the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th March, 1956, for 233 minutes (Treasury 160 minutes and Opposition 73 minutes), 207 minutes (Treasury 123 minutes and Opposition 84 minutes), 225 minutes (Treasury 150 minutes and Opposition 75 minutes) and 270 minutes (Treasury 213 minutes and Opposition 57 minutes) respectively. The total time taken by the Treasury Benches was 646 minutes and by the Opposition 289 minutes.

## (II) Demands

There were in all 41 Demands for Grants totalling Rs 94,00,98,210.

Demands Nos 10, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 24 and 27 were individually discussed. Demands Nos. 10 and 13; 14, 20 and 21; and 24 and 27 were moved and discussed together. They were, however, voted upon separately. The number of amendments moved and the number of speeches made thereon together with the dates on which these were discussed are given in the table below—

| Serial No. | Demand No. | Subject | Date on which discussed | No. of Speakers | | Time taken in minutes | | Amendments | | Amendments | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Try. | Opp. | Try. | Opp. | Try. | Opp. | With-drawn. | Lost |
| 1 | 10 | General Administration .. | 16-3-56 and 19-3-56 | 5 | 4 | 62 | 106 | 18 | 7 | 17 | 8 |
| | 13 | Police .. | | 7 | 3 | 155 | 45 | 14 | 5 | 11 | 8 |
| 2 | 27 | Capital Outlay on Multi-purpose River Schemes—Bhakra Nangal Project .. | 20-3-56 | 7 | 4 | 134 | 65 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 10 |
| | 24 | Other Revenue Expenditure connected with Multi-purpose River Schemes .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9 | 5 | 4 | 10 |
| 3 | 15 | Education .. | 21-3-56 | 10 | 4 | 143 | 61 | 19 | 11 | 7 | 23 |
| 4 | 14 | Miscellaneous Departments | 22-3-56 and 23-3-56 | 15 | 4 | 184 | 58 | 3 | 2 | .. | 5 |
| | 20 | Industries .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14 | 4 | 5 | 13 |
| | 21 | Capital Outlay on Industrial Development .. | .. | 6 | 2 | 101 | 19 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 |

The rest of the demands numbering 33 were put to the Sabha on the 23rd March, 1956, on Guillotine and were carried.

## (III). The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1956.

The Punjab Appropriation (No.2) (Bill No. 12-PLA), 1956, in respect of the Budget Demands voted by the Sabha up to the 23rd March, 1956, was introduced in the Vidhan Sabha on the 24th March, 1956.

It was before the Sabha for 191 minutes. Seventeen members took part in the discussion, four from the Opposition and 13 from the Treasury Benches speaking for 58 minutes and 118 minutes, respectively.

The Bill was passed.

## LIST OF BILLS INTRODUCED

| Serial No. | Name of the Bill | Minister/Member introducing |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | The Punjab Land Revenue (Special Assessments) Bill, 1955 (Passed by the Sabha on 15th October, 1955, sent to the Council on 15th October 1955 and received back with recommendation on 19th October, 1955) | Motion for consideration moved by the Minister for Revenue, Irrigation and Power |
| 2 | The Punjab Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 1956 | Finance Minister |
| 3 | The Court Fees (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Finance Minister |
| 4 | The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Revenue, Irrigation and Power Minister |
| 5 | The Punjab Betterment Charges and Acreage Rates (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Ditto |
| 6 | The Land Acquisition (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Ditto |
| 7 | The Punjab Court of Wards (Repeal) Bill, 1956 | Ditto |
| 8 | The Punjab Revenue Appeals and Proceedings (Disposal and Restoration ) Bill, 1956 | Ditto |
| 9 | The Punjab Industrial Housing Bill, 1956 .. | Finance Minister |
| 10 | The Punjab Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 1956 .. | Ditto |
| 11 | The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1956. | Ditto |
| 12 | The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Ditto |
| 13 | The Indian Lunacy (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Public Works and Education Minister |
| 14 | The Ambala District Board Tax Validating Bill, 1956 | Revenue, Irrigation and Power Minister |
| 15 | The Punjab Municipal (Tax Validating) Bill, 1956 | Ditto |
| 16 | The East Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Ditto |
| 17 | The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment)Bill, 1956. | Chief Minister |
| 18 | The Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation Bill, 1956 | Finance Minister |
| 19 | The Punjab Prohibition of Cow Slaughter Bill, 1955 | Chief Minister |
| | **PRIVATE MEMBERS, LEGISLATION** | |
| 1 | The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Sardar Gurdial Singh |
| 2 | The Societies Registration (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Ditto |

For details see chart at page 12 infra.

## LEGISLATI

*The Sabha addressed itself to Legislative Measures on the 20th, 21st, 22nd, 24th and 28th August, 3rd, 4th and 5th September and 4th*
*and the other in respect of Supplementary Estimates which it had already passed and the*

The following Table in this

| Serial No. | Title of the Bill | Date of introduction | Date of consideration | Number of speeches | | Time taken in minutes | | Amendments proposed | | Amen |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Treasury | Opposition | Treasury | Opposition | Treasury | Opposition | Treasu |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 1 | The Punjab Betterment Charges and Acreage Rates (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 22-3-56 | 21-8-56 | 9 | 9 | 78 | 58 | .. | 1 | .. |
| 2 | The Indian Lunacy (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956 .. | 28-3-56 | 22-8-56 | 12 | 6 | 39 | 18 | .. | .. | .. |
| 3 | The Ambala District Board (Tax Validating) Bill, 1956 .. | 2-4-56 | 22-8-56 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 | .. | .. | .. |
| 4 | The Punjab Municipal (Tax Validating) Bill, 1956 .. | 3-4-56 | 22-8-56 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 2 | .. | |
| 5 | The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1956 .. | 6-4-56 | 22-8-56 | 9 | 7 | 54 | 66 | .. | 1 | .. |
| 6 | The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1956 .. | 20-8-56 | 5-9-56 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 7 | The Punjab District Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1956 .. | 20-8-56 | 5-9-56 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 8 | The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 21-8-56 | 5-9-56 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 9 | The Punjab Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 21-8-56 | 5-10-56 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 10 | The East Punjab Utilization of Lands (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 21-8-56 | 3-9-56 | 7 | 5 | 36 | 40 | 7 | 1 | |
| 11 | The Land Acquisition (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956 .. | 22-8-56 | 5-9-56 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. |
| 12 | The Good Conduct Prisoners' Probational Release (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 22-8-56 | 5-9-56 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 13 | The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 22-8-56 | 5-9-56 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 9 | .. | .. | .. |
| 14 | The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 23-8-56 | 3-9-56 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 22 | .. | 1 | .. |
| 15 | The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 23-8-56 | 3-9-56 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. |
| 16 | The Scheduled Areas Traders (Facilities for Loans) Bill, 1956 | 23-8-56 | 5-9-56 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 17 | The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab, Bill, 1956 | 23-8-56 | 3-9-56 | 7 | 12 | 40 | 77 | .. | 7 | .. |
| 18 | The Punjab Bhudan Yagna Bill, 1955 .. | 24-8-56 | 24-8-56 | 15 | 15 | 71 | 81 | 2 | 15 | |
| 19 | The Prisons (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956 .. | 27-8-56 | 5-10-56 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 7 | .. | .. | .. |
| 20 | The Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 28-8-56 | 4-10-56 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 9 | .. | .. | .. |
| 21 | The East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 28-8-56 | 4-9-56 | 4 | 5 | 15 | 23 | 1 | .. | |
| 22 | The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1956 .. | 28-8-56 | 28-8-56 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 23 | The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1956 .. | 28-8-56 | 28-8-56 | 14 | 7 | 87 | 72 | .. | .. | .. |
| 24 | The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 3-9-56 | 5-9-56 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 25 | The Punjab Special Powers (Press) Bill, 1956 .. | 4-9-56 | 4-9-56 | 11 | 14 | 136 | 109 | 3 | 2 | |
| 26 | The Punjab New Townships (Street Lighting and Water-supply Fees) (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 5-9-56 | 5-9-56 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 27 | The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 3-10-56 | 4-10-56 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 28 | The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 3-10-56 | 4-10-56 | 28 | 9 | 260 | 60 | 32 | 5 | |
| 29 | The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 3-10-56 | 4-10-56 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | |
| 30 | The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 3-10-56 | 4-10-56 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 27 | 2 | .. | |
| 31 | The Punjab Public Service Commission (Additional Functions) (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 3-10-56 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Could not be consi | |
| 32 | The Punjab Abolition of Whipping Bill, 1956 .. | 5-10-56 | 5-10-56 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | .. | .. | .. |
| | | | | | | | | PRIVATE LEGISLATI | | |
| 33 | The Punjab State Medical Practioners' Registration Bill, 1953 | Joint Select Committee's Preliminary Report presented on 21st August, 1956 | Extension of time for the presentation of the final Report granted on 24th August, 1956 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## LATION

6 and passed the following Bills in addition to the two Appropriation Bills—one in respect of Supplementary Estimates and the ved from the Legislative Council.

| s proposed | Amendments moved | | Amendments withdrawn | Amendments lost | Amendments held out of order | Amendments carried | | Total time taken for disposal in minutes | Date of passing | Date of Transmission to the Council | Date of receipt back from the Council | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Opposition | Treasury | Opposition | | | | Treasury | Opposition | | | | | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| OFFICIAL LEGISLATION | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16 | 6-4-56 | 6-4-56 (message sent) | .. | |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 118 | 8-3-56 | 8-3-56 | 19-3-56 | |
| 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 13 | 6-4-56 | 6-4-56 | 11-4-56 | |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27 | 6-4-56 | 6-4-56 | 11-4-56 | |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Could not be considered. |
| .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 110 | 10-4-56 | 10-4-56 | 14-4-56 | |
| .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6 | 10-4-56 | 10-4-56 | 14-4-56 | |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 | 10-4-56 | 10-4-56 | 14-4-56 | |
| 3 | .. | 3 | .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 63 | 10-4-56 | 10-4-56 | 14-4-56 | |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 191 | 24-3-56 | 24-3-56 | 28-3-56 | |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 75 | 28-3-56 | 28-3-56 | 31-3-56 | |
| 3 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 127 | 28-3-56 | 28-3-56 | 31-3-56 | |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Could not be considered. |
| 10 | 21 | 6 | 3 | 19 | 3 | 2 | .. | 390 | 12-4-56 | 12-4-56 | 14-4-56 | |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Could not be considered. |
| 2 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 8 | .. | 170 | 10-4-56 | 10-4-56 | 14-4-56 | |
| 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 113 | 6-4-56 | 6-4-56 | 11-4-56 | |
| PRIVATE MEMBERS' LEGISLATION | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. | 4 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 3 | .. | 69 | 12-4-56 | 12-4-56 | Not received back | |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |

## BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE BILLS PASSED BY THE VIDHAN SABHA

1. THE PUNJAB LAND REVENUE (SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS) BILL, 1955

(*Discussed on 6th April*, 1956. *Passed on 6th April, 1956*).

This Bill imposes *ad hoc* rates of special assessment on urban lands or lands diverted from agricultural purposes within the limits of local bodies with a view to avoiding loss of revenue to the Government till regular special assessment is made for such lands under the Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1887.

2. THE PUNJAB APPROPRIATION (No. 1) BILL, 1956

(*Discussed on 8th March*, 1956. *Passed on 8th March*, 1956).

The Bill authorises payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Punjab for the services of the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1956.

3. THE COURT FEES (PUNJAB AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956. [To amend the Court Fees Act, 1870 (Act VII of 1870].

(*Discussed on 6th April*, 1956. *Passed on 6th April*, 1956).

The Bill provides for a court fee of Rs. 15 for each application or petition or memorandum of appeal that may be filed in the State under the Special Marriage Act, 1954 or the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, as no such provision exists in these Acts.

4. THE LAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956. [To amend the Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1887 (XVII of 1887].

(*Discussed on 6th April*, 1956. *Passed on 6th April*, 1956).

The Bill devises simple and expeditious means for the recovery of loans issued under the Housing Scheme in order to avoid loss to the State Government.

5. THE LAND ACQUISITION (PUNJAB AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956. (To amend the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, in its application to the State of Punjab).

(*Discussed on 10th April*, 1956. *Passed on 10th April*, 1956).

The Bill is designed to amend the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, with a view to eliminating the delays that occur in the Acquisition of Land under its existing provisions so that the Housing Schemes sponsored by Government are executed quickly.

6. THE PUNJAB COURT OF WARDS (REPEAL) BILL, 1956. [To repeal the Punjab Court of Wards Act, 1903 (Punjab Act II of 1903].

(*Discussed on 10th April*, 1956, *Passed on 10th April*, 1956).

This Bill repeals the Punjab Court of Wards Act, 1903.

7. THE PUNJAB REVENUE APPEALS AND PROCEEDINGS (DISPOSAL AND RESTORATION) BILL, 1956.

(*Discussed on 10th April*, 1956. *Passed on 10th April*, 1956).

The Bill confers jurisdiction on the Financial Commissioner and the Commissioner, Jullundur Division, for the disposal and restoration of pending revenue appeals and revisions instituted before the partition of Punjab under various Land Acts relating to the districts of Amritsar and Gurdaspur.

8. THE PUNJAB INDUSTRIAL HOUSING BILL, 1956.

(*Discussed on 10th April*, 1956. *Passed on 10th April*, 1956).

The Bill seeks to provide for the administration, control, allotment, upkeep and realisation of rent and other connected matters in respect of the houses constructed under the Government of India. Subsidized Industrial Housing Scheme for industrial workers in the State.

9. THE PUNJAB APPROPRIATION (NO. 2) BILL, 1956.

(*Discussed on* 24*th March*, 1956. *Passed on* 24*th March*, 1956).

The Bill authorises payment and appropriation of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Punjab for the services of the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1957.

10. THE PUNJAB PASSENGERS AND GOODS TAXATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956. (To amend the Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation Act, 1952).

(*Discussed on* 28*th March*, 1956. *Passed on* 28*th March*, 1956).

The Bill increases the existing rate of passengers tax from 1 pie to 1½ pies per anna value of the fare with a view to augmenting the revenue of the State of Punjab.

11. THE EAST PUNJAB GENERAL SALES TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956. (To amend the East Punjab General Sales Tax Act, 1948).

(*Discussed on* 28*th March*, 1956. *Passed on* 28*th March*, 1956).

The Bill doubles the existing rate of sales tax on luxury goods in the State with a view to bringing additional revenue to the Government.

12. THE EAST PUNJAB UNIVERSITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956. (Further to amend the East Punjab University Act, 1947).

(*Discussed on* 10*th*, *11th and* 12*th April*, 1956 *Passed on* 12*th April*, 1956).

The Bill amends the East Punjab University Act, 1947, so as to improve the working of the Punjab University and bring it in line with the democratic ideals by giving it a more effective Constitution, as recommended by the University Education Commission and the Central Advisory Board of Education.

13. THE PUNJAB PROFESSIONS, TRADES, CALLINGS AND EMPLOYMENTS TAXATION BILL, 1956.

(*Discussed on* 10*th April*, 1956. *Passed on* 10*th April*, 1956).

The Bill provides for the levy of a Professional Tax, with effect from the current financial year, on higher income groups in the State with a view to augmenting the revenues of the State for meeting the increased expenditure on development.

14. THE PUNJAB PROHIBITION OF COW SLAUGHTER BILL, 1955. (To prohibit the slaughter of cow and its progeny in Punjab).

(*Discussed on* 6*th April*, 1956. *Passed on 6th April, 1956.*)

The Bill imposes complete ban on cow slaughter in the State in order to preserve the cattle wealth of the State and to improve the breed.

15. THE PUNJAB TOWN IMPROVEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956. (Further to amend the Punjab Town Improvement Act, 1922).

(*Discussed on* 12*th April*, 1956. *Passed on* 12*th April*, 1956).

The Bill provides that an Improvement Trust in the State shall abandon the scheme framed under the Punjab Town Improvement Act, 1922, relating to an area for which town planning scheme has been framed by the Provincial Town Planner, in order to meet the ever rising and quick needs of the public for constructing their own houses.

It also gives the right of appeal to the property owners against the orders of the Tribunal constituted under section 58 of the Principal Act.

Moreover, the Bill exempts the State Government from bearing the cost of the Town Planning Department which should be rightly borne by the Municipalities.

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## DRAFT STATES REORGANISATION BILL

Discussion on the Draft States Reorganisation Bill took place as required under the proviso to Article 3 of the Constitution on the 22nd March (morning sitting) and 23rd March, 1956 (morning sitting and evening sitting), lasting for 9 hours and 32 minutes. This includes the time taken for the disposal of the amendments and the main motion.

| | | *No. of Members who participated in the discussion* | *Time taken* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Treasury Benches | .. | 26 | 6 hours and 44 minutes. |
| Opposition Benches | .. | 9 | 2 hours and 43 minutes. |

*Note* 1.—Time taken by the Treasury Benches includes the time taken by the Chief Minister while moving the motion and afterwards when replying to the Debate.

*Note 2*.—Eight members desirous of participating in the discussion could not get an opportunity to do so. The Speaker permitted them to submit their written views which they did.

## BILLS ORIGINATING IN AND RECEIVED FROM THE COUNCIL FOR CONCURRENCE OF THE VIDHAN SABHA

| Serial No. | Name of the Bill | Date of receipt | Date of considera-tion | Date of passing |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | The Kuruksetra University Bill, 1956 | 9th March, 1956 | 12th April, 1956 | 12th April, 1956 |
| 2 | The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 5th April, 1956 | Not yet considered. | |
| 3 | The Punjab Registration Validating Bill, 1956 | 9th March, 1956 | 12th April, 1956 | 12th April, 1956 |
| 4 | The Punjab Debtors' Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 9th March, 1956 | 12th April, 1956 | 12th April, 1956 |
| 5 | The Punjab Instruments (Control of Noises) Bill, 1956 | 9th March, 1956 | Not yet considered. | |
| 6 | The Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 5th April, 1956 | Not yet considered. | |
| 7 | The East Punjab Improved Seeds and Seedlings (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 10th April, 1956 | Not yet considered. | |

# PRIVATE LEGISLATION

28TH MARCH, 1956

*Presentation of the Report of the Joint Select Committee*

Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Punjab State Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill, 1953, was presented to the Sabha by the Public Works and Education Minister.

*Note.*—Motion asking for extension of time up to the 31st of August, 1956 for submission of the final Report was moved by Shrimati Sita Devi, M.L.A., on the 12th April, 1956 and carried.

(See statement at page 13 ante).

29TH MARCH, 1956

*Leave to introduce*

| (*Name of the Bill*) | (*Name of Member moving*) |
|---|---|
| (a) The Punjab Urban Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | by Shri Mool Chand Jain |
| The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | by Sardar Gurdial Singh |
| The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | by Pandit Mohan Lal Datta |
| The Punjab Anti Cattle Slaughter Bill, 1955 | by Pandit Shri Ram Sharma |

was asked for on the 29th March, 1956, but later the motions were by leave of the House withdrawn.

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|---|---|
| (b) The Punjab Reservation of Culturable Waste Land Bill, 1955 | by Sardar Khem Singh Tung |
| The Punjab Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | by Pandit Mohan Lal Datta |
| The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | by Sardar Gurdial Singh |

was asked for. The House did not grant the leave.

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|---|---|
| (c) The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1956. | by Sardar Gurdial Singh. |

was asked for and given.

(*Note.*—The Bill was considered and passed on the 12th April, 1956. See statement at page 13 ante)

5TH APRIL, 1956

*Leave to introduce*

| (*Name of the Bill*) | (*Name of Member moving*) |
|---|---|
| The Societies Registration (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956 | by Sardar Gurdial Singh |

was asked for and given.

# RESOLUTIONS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Notices received | .. | | 27 |
| Number of Resolutions admitted | .. | 25 | 20 Treasury Benches<br>5 Opposition |
| Number of Resolutions disallowed | .. | 2 | 1 Treasury Benches<br>1 Opposition |
| Number of Resolutions referred back | .. | | Nil |
| Number of Resolutions renewed | .. | 211 | 87 Treasury Benches<br>124 Opposition |
| Total number of admitted Resolutions | | 236 | 107 Treasury Benches<br>129 Opposition |
| Number of Ballots held | .. | 2 | 29th March and 5th April, 1956 |
| Dates on which Ballots held | .. | .. | 21st March and 29th March, 1956 |
| Number of Resolutions ballotted each time | | | 10 and 9 respectively |

No resolutions were taken up on the 8th, 15th and 22nd March, 1956. Instead Government Business was transacted on these days.

An objection was taken by the Chief Minister to the moving of the following resolution by Pandit Shri Ram Sharma, on the 29th March, 1956:—

> "In view of the disparity in the representation in services of the State between the residents of Ambala and Jullundur Divisions this Assembly recommends to the Government in the interest of solidarity of the State to fix percentages for their recruitment in order to reduce the present disproportion"

in a short speech that it contravened the provisions of Articles 15 and 16 of the Constitution of India.

Pandit Shri Ram Sharma gave a short reply. The Speaker reserved his ruling on that day and directed that if he were of the opinion that the resolution was in order it would be placed at Number 1 on the next non-official day. The Speaker consulted the Advocate-General ; and on the 5th April, 1956, he upheld the Chief Minister's objection to the moving of this Resolution (See pages 63, 73, 74 and 76 *infra*)

## RESOLUTION MOVED ON THE 29TH MARCH, 1956, BY MAULVI ABDUL GHANI DAR

" This Assembly recommends to the Government that with a view to improving the breed of Cows, the Mewat Area in Gurgaon District be declared as a Cow breeding area and that it should provide monetary aid, establish Dairy Farms and Go-Sadans in that area and award prizes to those who breed best Cows ".

who while moving spoke for eight minutes. Thereafter two Members from the Opposition took part in the discussion lasting for nine minutes.

At 3.55 p.m. there was no quorum. The Bells were rung and there was quorum. At 4.00 p.m. again there being no quorum the Bells were rung again after which the House was in quorum.

At 4.03 p.m. there being no quorum the Bells were again rung for two minutes but there was no quorum. The Speaker, therefore, adjourned the House till 2.00 p.m. on Monday the 2nd April, 1956.

On the 5th April, 1956, the discussion on this resolution was resumed by Shri Babu Dayal Sharma (Opposition) who spoke for 18 minutes.

Thereafter one Member from the Opposition and 8 from the Treasury Benches took part in the discussion speaking for 8 minutes and 73 minutes, respectively.

In addition, the Minister for Revenue, Irrigation and Power spoke for 23 minutes.

The discussion on the resolution terminated on a closure moved and carried.

Maulvi Abdul Ghani Dar, the mover of the resolution, by way of reply spoke for 15 minutes.

The resolution was put to the vote of the House and lost.

## RESOLUTION MOVED ON THE 5TH APRIL, 1956, BY SARDAR KHEM SINGH

" This Assembly recommends to the Government to distribute all Government culturable waste land in the State among Harijan agriculturists and landless peasants ".

who while moving , spoke for 23 minutes.

Notices of two amendments to the resolution had been received, out of which one was moved.

Four Members from the Opposition and four Members from the Treasury Benches took part in the discussion speaking for 35 minutes and 39 minutes respectively.

At 6.15 p.m. the closure motion which was moved, was declared lost.

The Chief Minister while replying to the debate spoke for 5 minutes and was in possession of the House when the Sabha adjourned.

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## DISCUSSION ON PUNJAB'S SECOND FIVE-YEAR PLAN

Discussion on the Punjab's Second Five-Year Plan took place on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th April, 1956, lasting 9 hours and 33 minutes.

| | | *Number of Members who participated in the discussion* | *Time taken* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Treasury Benches | .. | 18 | 6 hours and 24 minutes |
| Opposition Benches | .. | 9 | 3 hours and 10 minutes |

*Note.*—Time taken by the Treasury Benches includes the time taken by the Minister for Revenue, Irrigation and Power while moving the motion and the time taken by the Chief Minister while replying to the Debate.

**Papers presented to/laid before the Sabha.**

The following papers were presented to/laid before the Sabha —

| Serial No. | By whom presented | Date on which presented/laid | Subject |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Speaker .. | 3rd March, 1956 | Governor's Address under rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure. |
| 2 | Secretary .. | Ditto .. | Statement showing the Bills passed by the Punjab State Legislature during its 11th Session held in October, 1955 and assented to by the President. |
| 3 | Finance Minister | Ditto .. | Supplementary Estimates (Second Instalment), 1955-56. |
| 4 | Chairman, Estimates Committee | Ditto .. | Report of the Committee on Estimates on Supplementary Estimates (Second Instalment) 1955-56. |
| 5 | Chief Minister | 5th March, 1956 | Amendments made in the Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) Building Rules, 1952, as required under Section 22(3) of the Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) Act, 1952. |
| 6 | Ditto .. | Ditto .. | Annual Report on the working of the Punjab Public Service Commission for the period from 1st April, 1954 to the 31st March, 1955, as presented to the Governor under Article 323(2) of the Constitution. |
| 7 | Ditto .. | Ditto .. | The Punjab Public Service Commission (Limitation of Functions) Regulations, 1955, as required under clause (5) of Article 320 of the Constitution. |
| 8 | Ditto .. | Ditto .. | Amendment made in the Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Rules, 1954, as required under Section 22(3) of the Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Act, 1953. |
| 9 | Ditto .. | Ditto .. | Rules made under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, as required by Section 133(3) of the said Act. |

| Serial No. | By whom presented | Date on which presented/laid | Subject |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | Secretary .. | 5th March, 1956 | Statement showing action taken against corrupt officials in the State during the period from 1st January, 1954 to 31st December, 1954 and a review on the action taken against corrupt officials and other measures adopted in the State to root out corruption during the year 1954. |
| 11 | Finance Minister | 9th March, 1956 | Budget for the year 1956-57. |
| 12 | Secretary .. | 12th March, 1956 | The Kuruksetra University Bill, 1956, the Punjab Registration Validating Bill, 1956, the Punjab Debtors' Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1956 and the Punjab Instruments (Control of Noises) Bill, 1956. |
| 13 | Chief Minister | 21st March, 1956 | The Draft States Reorganisation Bill, 1956. |
| 14 | Public Works and Education Minister | 28th March, 1956 | The Punjab's Second Five-Year Plan, 1956—61. |
| 15 | Ditto .. | Ditto .. | Second Preliminary Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Punjab State Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill, 1953. |
| 15-A | Chairman, Public Accounts Committee | 29th March, 1956 | Fourth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for the year 1951-52 and Audit Report, 1953. |
| 16 | Chairman, Estimates Committee | Ditto .. | Report of the Estimates Committee on the Budget Estimates for the year 1955-56. |
| 17 | Chairman, Committee on Government Assurances | Ditto | Report of the Committee on Government Assurances for the year 1955-56. |
| 18 | Secretary .. | 6th April, 1956 | The Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill, 1956 and the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956. |
| 19 | Do .. | 11th April, 1956.. | Report of the Rules Committee. |
| 20 | Do .. | 12th April, 1956.. | The East Punjab Improved Seeds and Seedlings (Amendment) Bill, 1956. |
| 21 | Do .. | Ditto .. | Statement showing the Bills passed by the Punjab State Legislature during its current (12th Session and assented to by the Governor. |

# ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Notices of five adjournment motions as stated below were received and were held out of order.

| Serial No. | Member/Members giving notice | Date | Subject matter | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Pandit Shri Ram Sharma | 3-3-56 | Regarding the action of Government in shielding the Municipal Executive Officer, Sonepat, against grave charges, of corruption. | Ruled out of order on the ground that it was a convention not to admit adjournment motions during the Budget Session when Members get ample opportunities to discuss matters referred to in such motions. |
| 2 | Sardar Harkishan Singh Surjit, Sardar Achhar Singh Chhina | 3-3-56 | Regarding strike of 500 metal workers of Jullundur City. | Ditto |
| 3 | Shri Wadhawa Ram | 21-3-56 | Regarding vast devastation of crops by hail-storm in 25 villages of Fazilka Tehsil, district Ferozepore. | Ruled out of order on the ground that the members would get an opportunity to discuss the matter during the consideration of the Appropriation Bill. |
| 4 | Shri Wadhawa Ram | 29-3-56 | Regarding stoppage of work by some tenants of village Ranewala, tehsil Fazilka, district Ferozepore. | Ruled out of order on the ground that it was vague, the matter was not within the cognizance of the Government and that legal remedies were open to the aggrieved persons concerned. |
| 5 | Shri Wadhawa Ram | 29-3-56 | Regarding alleged forcible expulsion of Harijan men, women and children of certain villages in District Ferozepore. | Ruled out of order on the ground that the motion was vague, the matter was not of recent occurrence and that legal remedies were open to the aggrieved persons. |

## QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

| Serial No. | Date | Member giving notice | Subject matter | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 12th March, 1956 | Shri Balu .. | Alleged leakage of Budget namely, appearance of a news item in the Tribune, dated 9th March, 1956, regarding enhancement of Entertainment Duty before the presentation of the Budget. | Consent not given as Shri Balu did not bring it immediately after the Question Hour. |
| 2 | 13th March, 1956 | Ditto .. | Ditto | Consent not given, as Shri Balu sought to move a resolution on the subject and the Speaker ruled that no resolution could be allowed in view of separate rules relating to non-official resolutions. He observed that he would consider whether this notice would amount to a question of privilege. |
| 3 | 14th March, 1956 | Ditto | Ditto .. | Consent was given by the Speaker to the Question of Privilege raised by Shri Balu as he had duly amended the notice. But the House refused him leave to move it. |

# OTHER MOTIONS

| Serial No. | Minister/Member moving | Moved on | Discussed on | Subject matter | Decision |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Chief Minister | 2nd March, 1956 | 2nd March, 1956 | Adjournment of the House as a mark of respect to the memory of Late Shri G. V. Mavalankar | Carried. |
| 2 | Shri Mool Chand Jain | 3rd March, 1956 | 3rd, 5th and 6th March, 1956 | Motion of Thanks for the Address delivered by the Governor on the 1st March, 1956. | Carried. (on 6th March, 1956) |
| 3 | Chief Minister | 7th March, 1956 | 7th March, 1956 | Suspension of Rule 30 and transaction of Government business on 8th March, 1956 | Carried. |
| 4 | Ditto .. | 14th March, 1956 | 14th March, 1956 | Suspension of Rule 30 and transaction of Government business on 15th March, 1956 | Carried. |
| 5 | Ditto .. | 21st March, 1956 | 21st March, 1956 | Suspension of Rule 30 and transaction of Government business on 22nd March, 1956 | Carried. |
| 6 | Revenue, Irrigation and Power Minister | 2nd April, 1956 | 2nd, 3rd and 4th April, 1956 | Discussion of the Punjab's Second Five-Year Plan | .. |
| 7 | Chief Minister | 3rd April, 1956 | 3rd April, 1956 | Recommending to the Punjab Legislative Council to agree to nominate 3 members to associate with the Public Accounts Committee of the Sabha for the year 1956-57 | Carried |
| 8 | Chief Minister | 6th April, 1956 | 6th April, 1956 | Adjournment of the Sabha till Tuesday, the 10th April, 1956 | Carried |
| 9 | Ditto .. | 11th April, 1956 | 11th April, 1956 | Suspension of Rule 30 and transaction of Government business on 12th April, 1956 | Carried |
| 10 | Ditto .. | 12th April, 1956 | 12th April, 1956 | Adjournment of the Sabha *sine die* | Carried |

## REFERENCES

References to the death of the late Shri G. V. Mavalankar, the late Acharya Narendra Deva and the late Dr. Meghnath Saha, were made on the 2nd March, 1956, by the Leader of the House, the Speaker associating himself with the sentiments expressed. All the Members stood in silence for 2 minutes as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Shri G.V. Mavalankar and the House adjourned for the day.

Members also stood in silence for 2 minutes as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Acharya Narendra Deva and Dr. Meghnath Saha.

Messages of condolence and sympathy on the demise of the late Shri Mavalankar, and the late Shri Saha were sent to the Secretary, Lok Sabha, and that on the death of Acharya Narendra Deva was sent to the General Secretary, Socialist Party of India for being conveyed to the Members of the bereaved families.

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## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of absence was granted by the Sabha to Chaudhri Lahri Singh, M.L.A.

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## STATEMENTS

The Chief Minister made a statement on 19th March, 1956, regarding border incidents.

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## STATEMENT I

### QUESTIONS

**12th Session (meetings held in March and April, 1956)**

| Nature of questions | Number of notices received | Number admitted | Number disallowed | Number not put and postponed | Number answered | Number deemed to have been answered under Rule 45 | Number of supplementaries put | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Starred .. | 997<br>(renewed) 6<br>1,003 | 734 (including six renewed) | 269 | 34<br>1 postponed | 684 { Treasury 384<br>Opposition 300 | .. | 1,224 | |
| Unstarred .. | 101 | 74 | 27 | .. | 74 { Treasury 22<br>Opposition 52 | .. | .. | |
| Short Notice | 23 | 10 | 13 | .. | 4 { Treasury 2<br>Opposition 2 | .. | .. | The Ministers concerned did not give their consent to reply to 6 questions as Short Notice ones |

## STATEMENT II

**Statement showing the number of Starred Questions answered date-wise**

| Date | | Treasury Benches | Opposition Benches | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd March, 1956 | .. | 14 | 20 | 34 |
| 5th March, 1956 | .. | 17 | 25 | 42 |
| 6th March, 1956 | .. | 13 | 20 | 33 |
| 7th March, 1956 | .. | 13 | 22 | 35 |
| 8th March, 1956 | .. | 24 | 35 | 59 |
| 9th March, 1956 | .. | 14 | 17 | 31 |
| 12th March, 1956 | .. | 17 | 17 | 34 |
| 13th March, 1956 | .. | 12 | 12 | 24 |
| 14th March, 1956 | .. | 8 | 12 | 20 |
| 16th March, 1956 | .. | 29 | 10 | 39 |
| 19th March, 1956 | .. | 30 | 10 | 40 |
| 20th March, 1956 | .. | 15 | 10 | 25 |
| 21st March, 1956 | .. | 14 | 9 | 23 |
| 22nd March, 1956 | .. | 17 | 10 | 27 |
| 28th March, 1956 | .. | 19 | 9 | 28 |
| 29th March, 1956 | .. | 32 | 10 | 42 |
| 2nd April, 1956 | .. | 12 | 15 | 27 |
| 3rd April, 1956 | .. | 19 | 26 | 45 |
| 4th April, 1956 | .. | 14 | 3 | 17 |
| 5th April, 1956 | .. | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| 6th April, 1956 | .. | 10 | 4 | 14 |
| 10th April, 1956 | .. | 23 | 1 | 24 |
| 11th April, 1956 | .. | 3 | .. | 3 |
| 12th April, 1956 | .. | 5 | .. | 5 |
| Total | .. | 384 | 300 | 684 |

## STATEMENT III

**Statement showing the number of Starred Questions in the names of different Ministers date-wise**

| Date | Chief Minister | Minister for Revenue and Irrigation | Minister for Public Works and Education | Minister for Finance | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd March, 1956 .. | 14 | 24 | 4 | 4 | 46 |
| 3rd March, 1956 .. | 7 | 16 | 7 | 7 | 37 |
| 5th March, 1956 .. | 7 | 18 | 6 | 5 | 36 |
| 6th March, 1956 .. | 6 | 13 | 3 | 8 | 30 |
| 7th March, 1956 .. | 9 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 37 |
| 8th March, 1956 .. | 4 | 17 | 4 | 7 | 32 |
| 9th March, 1956 .. | 6 | 12 | 8 | 6 | 32 |
| 12th March, 1956 .. | 10 | 17 | 5 | 4 | 36 |
| 13th March, 1956 .. | 5 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 24 |
| 14th March, 1956 .. | 6 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 21 |
| 15th March, 1956 .. | 2 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 21 |
| 16th March, 1956 .. | 7 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 22 |
| 19th March, 1956 .. | 11 | 19 | 10 | 4 | 44 |
| 20th March, 1956 .. | 13 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 27 |
| 21st March, 1956 .. | 9 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 25 |
| 22nd March, 1956 .. | 5 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 27 |
| 23rd March, 1956 .. | 4 | 14 | 6 | 4 | 28 |
| 24th March, 1956 .. | 6 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 20 |
| 28th March, 1956 .. | 5 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 23 |
| 29th March, 1956 .. | 5 | 11 | 7 | 1 | 24 |
| 2nd April, 1956 .. | 8 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 32 |
| 3rd April, 1956 .. | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 22 |
| 4th April, 1956 .. | 4 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 13 |
| 5th April, 1956 .. | 3 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 13 |
| 6th April, 1956 .. | 4 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 14 |
| 9th April, 1956 .. | 3 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 20 |
| 10th April, 1956 .. | .. | 4 | 1 | .. | 5 |
| 11th April, 1956 .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 3 |
| 12th April, 1956 .. | .. | 1 | 4 | .. | 5 |
| Total .. | 169 | 282 | 148 | 120 | 719 |

There was no Question Hour on the 2nd March, 1956. Questions printed in this day's list were taken up on 3rd March, 1956, along with those in the list for that day.

The Question Hour was dispensed with on the 15th, 23rd and 24th March, 1956.

The Assembly did not meet on the 9th April, 1956. Questions printed in this day's list were taken up on 10th April, 1956, along with the list for that day.

## STATEMENT IV

**Detailed statement of Starred, Unstarred and Short Notice Questions in the name of each Minister date-wise and department-wise and answered during the Budget Session, 1956**

### CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Adminis-tration | Home Depart-ment | Panchayats Depart-ment | Develop-ment Depart-ment (Commu-nity Pro-jects) | Transport Depart-ment | | Number of ques-tions postponed | Number of ques-tions not put | Total | Number of ques-tions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd March, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | | .. | 2 | 14 | 12 |
| | Unstarred | 8 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | 9 | 9 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

### MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Depart-ment | Consoli-dation of Holdings | Irrigation Depart-ment | Electricity Depart-ment | Co-ope-rative Depart-ment | Local Bodies | Number of ques-tions postponed | Number of ques-tions not put | Total | Number of ques-tions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd March, 1956 | Starred .. | 5 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 6 | .. | 2 | 23 | 21 |
| | Unstarred | 5 | .. | 6 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 11 | 11 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

### MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Education Department | Health Department | Development Department | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd March, 1956 | Starred .. | .. | .. | 1 | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | 1 | 1 | .. | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Relief and and Re-habilitation Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd March, 1956 | Starred .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | 6 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 6 | 6 |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administ-ration | Panchayats Department | Home Depart-ment | Transport Department | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | | | | | .. | .. | 7 | 7 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Consolidation of Holdings | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | Local Bodies | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of Questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 3 | | | .. | .. | 16 | 16 |
| | Unstarred | 4 | .. | 6 | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | 10 | 10 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B. & R.) | Capital Project | Education Department | Health Department | Agriculture Department | Veterinary Department | Forest Department | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | .. | 2 | 11 | 9 |
| | Unstarred | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | Industries Department | Finance Department | Excise and Taxation Department | Labour Department | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | .. | .. | 10 | 10 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Home Department | Planning Department | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 4 | 2 | 1 | | | | .. | .. | 7 | 7 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Consolidation of Holdings | Irrigation Department | Co-operative Department | Local Bodies | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 5 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | | | .. | 3 | 18 | 15 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B. & R.) | Education Department | Agriculture Department | Veterinary Department | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | .. | 1 | 6 | 5 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Industries Department | Civil Supplies Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 4 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 6 | 6 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Panchayats Department | Home Department | Development Department (Community Projects) | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 8 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | .. | 1 | 13 | 12 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Irrigation Department | Local Department | Printing Department | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 4 | 7 | 1 | | | | | .. | 1 | 14 | 13 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Education Department | Agriculture Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Relief and Re-habilitation Department | Industries Department | Excise and Taxation Department | Labour Department | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | | | | | .. | .. | 8 | 8 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Development Department (Community Projects) | Transport Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | 4 | | | | | | .. | .. | 6 | 6 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Consolidation of Holdings | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | Co-operative Department | Local Bodies | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 6 | 2 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | .. | .. | 25 | 25 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B.&R.) | Education Department | Health Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 4 | 2 | | | | | | .. | 3 | 12 | 9 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | Industries Department | Finance Department | Labour Department | Civil Supplies Department | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 1 | | | | .. | .. | 19 | 19 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Adminis-tration | Plan-ning Depart-ment | Home Depart-ment | Anti-Corrup-tion Depart-ment | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | 1 | .. | 7 | 6 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Depart-ment | Irri-gation Depart-ment | Elec-tricity Depart-ment | Local Bodies | Print-ing Depart-ment | Consoli-dation of Hold-ings | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | | | .. | .. | 11 | 11 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B&R) | Capital Project Depart-ment | Educa-tion Depart-ment | Agri-culture Depart-ment | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | | | | | .. | .. | 8 | 8 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | Industries Department | Civil Supplies Department | Excise and Taxation Department | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | .. | .. | 5 | 5 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Panchayats Department | Planning Department | Home Department | Language Department | Development Department (Community Projects) | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | .. | .. | 10 | 10 |
| | Unstarred | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Consolidation of Holdings | Irrigation Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 11 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | .. | 1 | 17 | 16 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Health Department | Local Government Departments (Housing) | Agriculture Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | .. | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Industries Department | Excise and Taxation Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Home Department | Planning Department | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | | .. | .. | 5 | 5 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Irrigation Department | Local Bodies | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 5 | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 11 | 11 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Education Department | Health Department | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Industries Department | Civil Supplies Department | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 4 | 1 | | | | | | | | .. | .. | 5 | 5 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Home Department | Development Department (Community Projects) | Jails | Transport Department | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | | | | .. | .. | 6 | 6 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | | | | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Consolidation of Holdings | Irrigation Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14th March, 1956 | Starred | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| | Unstarred | 1 | .. | 3 | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Education Department | Health Department | Agriculture Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | .. | 1 | 8 | 7 |
| | Unstarred | 1 | 1 | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Relief and Rehabilitation | Industries Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Home Department | Panchayats Department | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 2 | 2 | | | | | .. | 2 | 9 | 7 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Irrigation Department | Printing Department | Local Bodies | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | .. | 2 | 13 | 11 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Education Department | P.W.D. (B.&R.) | Health Department | Local Government Department | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | .. | .. | 13 | 13 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | R.&R. Department | Industries Department | Civil Supplies Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of Questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 6 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 8 | 8 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Home Department | Panchayats Department | Development Department (Community Projects) | Anti Corruption Department | Transport Department | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | | .. | 2 | 11 | 9 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Consolidation of Holdings | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | Local Bodies | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 8 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | | | .. | 2 | 19 | 17 |
| | Unstarred | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B.&R.) | Education Department | Health Department | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 4 | 4 | 2 | | | | | .. | .. | 10 | 10 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Industries Department | Civil Supplies Department | Jails Department | R.&R. Department | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Home Department | Panchayats Department | Planning Department | Anti-Corruption Department | Development Department (Community Projects) | Transport Department | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | | | | .. | .. | 13 | 13 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Local Bodies | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 4 | | | | | | | | .. | 2 | 8 | 6 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B.&R.) | Capital Project | Education Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Industries Department | Civil Supplies Department | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Panchayats Department | Transport Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21st March, 1956 | Starred .. | 4 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | .. | 2 | 9 | 7 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | 1 | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | Local Bodies | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21st March, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 8 | 8 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B&R) | Education Department | Health Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21st March, 1956 | Started .. | 4 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 7 | 7 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Labour Department | | | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21st March, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Home Department | Planning Department | Transport Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22nd March, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 5 | 5 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | Co-operative Department | Local Bodies | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22nd March, 1956 | Starred | 1 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 | | | | | .. | .. | 13 | 13 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B&R) | Education Department | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22nd March, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | R.&R. Department | Industries Department | Jails Department | Labour Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22nd March, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | .. | .. | 5 | 5 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Home Department | Language Department | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 28th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Irrigation Department | Local Bodies | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 28th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 4 | 9 | 1 | .. | .. | 14 | 14 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Education Department | Health Department | P.W.D. (B.& R.) | Veterinary Department | Local Government (Housing) | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 28th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 6 | 6 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Industries Department | Finance Department | Jails Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 28th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Home Department | Transport Department | Anti-Corruption Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 11 | 11 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | Local Bodies | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 4 | 1 | 5 | | | | | | .. | .. | 12 | 12 |
| | Unstarred .. | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B&R) | Capital Project | Health Department | Co-operative Department | Agriculture Department | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29th March, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | | | | .. | .. | 8 | 8 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | R&R Department | Industries Department | Labour Department | Excise and Taxation | Jails Department | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29th March, 1956 | Starred | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | .. | 1 | 12 | 11 |
| | Unstarred | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice | | | | | | | | | | | | |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Home Department | | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd April, 1956 | Starred .. | 5 | 3 | | | | | | | | | .. | 1 | 9 | 8 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Irrigation Department | Electricity Depart ment | Local Bodies | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd April, 1956 | Starred .. | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | .. | .. | 11 | 11 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | P. W. D. (B&R) | Education Department | Health Department | Agriculture Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd April, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | .. | .. | 7 | 7 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Finance Department | | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd April, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Home Department | Panchayats Department | Development Department (Community Projects) | Transport Department | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd April, 1956 | Starred | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | .. | .. | 9 | 9 |
| | Unstarred | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | Co-operative Department | Printing Department | Local Bodies | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd April, 1956 | Starred .. | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | | | .. | 1 | 17 | 16 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D., (B. & R.) | Education Department | Health Department | Agriculture Department | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd April, 1956 | Starred .. | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | | | | | .. | .. | 12 | 12 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | R. and R. Department | Industries Department | Finance Department | Civil Supplies Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd April, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 8 | 8 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Development Department (Community Projects) | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | Local Bodies | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 6 | 6 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | P. W.D. (B. & R.) | Agriculture Department | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | R.andR. Department | Finance Department | Excise and Taxation | Labour Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 5 | 5 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | Home Department | Development Department (Community Projects) | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | Local Bodies | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | .. | .. | 5 | 5 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B&R) | Education Department | Agriculture Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | R & R Department | | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Home Department | Panchayats Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | Agriculture Department | Local Bodies | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 5 | 5 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B & R) | Education Department | Health Department | Capital Project | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | 1 | | | | | | .. | . | 1 | 1 |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Excise and Taxation Department | | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Adminis-tration | Pancha-yat De-partment | Planning Depart-ment | Develop-ment De-partment (Commu-nity Pro-jects) | | | | | | Number of questions post-poned | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Depart-ment | Irrigation Depart-ment | Electri-city De-partment | Local Bodies | | | | | | Number of questions post-poned | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | .. | .. | 10 | 10 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B & R) | Capital Project | Health Depart-ment | Agri-culture De-part-ment | Educa-tion Depart-ment | Deve-lopment Depart-ment | | | | Number of questions post-poned | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | 7 | 7 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINIST R

| Date | Nature of questions | R & R Department | Industries Department | Labour Department | Jails Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 2 | 2 | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | 5 | 5 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice | 1 | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Planning Department | | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred | .. | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## FINANCE MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Industries Department | | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND IRRIGATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | | | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND EDUCATION

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B & R) | Education Department | Health Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12th April, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## STATEMENT V.

**Salient figures relating to questions.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Total number of sittings of the Sabha .. | 31 |
| 2. | Number of questions (Starred and Unstarred) received .. | 1,104 |
| 2-A. | Number of Short Notice Questions received .. | 23 |
| 3. | Number of sittings at which the Question Hour was dispensed with .. | 3 |
| 4. | Number of members from whom notices were received .. | 49 |
| 5. | Total number of questions to which oral answers were given .. | 684 |
| 6. | Largest number of questions orally answered on any one day | 59 |
| 7. | Least number of questions orally answered on any one day | 3 |
| 8. | Total number of Unstarred Questions replied to .. | 74 |
| 9. | Largest number of notices received from any one member (Maulvi Abdul Ghani Dar) .. | 116 |
| 10. | Largest number of admitted questions in the name of any one member (Shri Teg Ram) .. | 87 |
| 11. | Largest number of questions addressed to any one Minister (Revenue, Irrigation and Power Minister) .. | 282 |
| 12. | Largest number of questions orally answered by any one Minister (Revenue, Irrigation and Power Minister) .. | 268 |
| 13. | Largest number of Short Notice Questions answered by any one Minister (Chief Minister) .. | 2 |
| 14. | Total number of statements in replies to questions circulated among Members .. | 110 |

**Statement showing the kind and quantity of translation work done in connection with Budget Session, 1956.**

| | | Hindi | Punjabi |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Starred Questions from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 723 | 723 |
| 2. | Unstarred and Short Notice Questions from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 78 | 78 |
| 3. | Resolutions from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 19 | 19 |
| 4. | Bills translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 27 | 27 |
| 5. | Lists of Business, Circulars and Notices to M.L.As translated and cyclostyled in Hindi and Punjabi .. | 59 | 59 |
| 6. | Cut motions translated and cyclostyled in Hindi and Punjabi .. | 117 | 117 |
| 7. | Questions received from M.L.As translated into English .. | .. | 304 |
| 8. | Resolutions and letters received from M.L.As translated into English .. | .. | 16 |
| 9. | Speeches and memoranda received from M.L.As translated into English. .. | .. | 10 |

# WALK-OUTS

| Serial No. | Date on which staged | Member walking out | Occasion. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 23rd March, 1956 .. (Evening sitting) | Shri Teg Ram .. | On the last day of the discussion on the Draft States Reorganisation Bill, he staged a walk-out when he was not given time to speak on that Bill. |
| 2 | 29th March, 1956 .. | Sardar Khem Singh | On being not allowed to speak on his bill after the leave to introduce the same had been refused by the House, he staged a walk out. |
| 3 | 5th April, 1956 .. | Sardar Khem Singh | On rising on a point of Order and permission not granted by Mr. Speaker. |

## Divisions

| Serial No. | Date | Recorded/Not recorded | Occasion | Result |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 28th March, 1956 .. | Not recorded | On a closure motion .. | Motion as to closure declared carried. |
| 2 | Ditto .. | Recorded (Ayes : 47) (Noes : 19) | On a motion to pass the Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill. | Motion declared carried. |
| 3 | Ditto .. | Not recorded | On a motion that the East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, be passed. | Motion declared carried. |
| 4 | 5th April, 1956 .. | Not recorded | On a closure motion. | Motion as to closure declared lost. |
| 5 | 10th April, 1956 .. | Not recorded | On the motion that the Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation Bill be taken into consideration at once. | Motion declared carried. |
| 6 | Ditto .. | Ditto .. | On a closure motion .. | Motion as to closure declared carried. |
| 7 | Ditto .. | Recorded (Ayes : 50) (Noes : 11) | On the motion that the Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation Bill, be passed. | Motion declared carried. |

## Rulings by the Speaker

| Serial No. | Date | Subject-matter |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 13th March, and 14th March, 1956 | Regarding a news item published in the 'Milap', dated 11th March, 1956. (*See* pages 69-70 *infra*) |
| 2 | 2nd April, 1956 .. | Regarding the language of the replies to the questions. (*See* page 71 *infra*) |
| 3 | 4th April, 1956 .. | Regarding the communication addressed by Shri Balu to Lok Sabha and other authorities. (*See* page 72 *infra*) |
| 4 | 5th April, 1956 .. | Regarding upholding of objection raised by Chief Minister on 29th March, 1956, against Pandit Shri Ram Sharma's Resolution. (*See* page 20 ante and pages 73, 74 and 76 *infra*.) |

## Rulings by the Speaker on 13th March, and 14th March, 1956, regarding a News Item published in the 'Milap'

Now I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Members to a news item appearing in a newspaper. I would refer this matter to the Press Gallery Committee and let the House know about their report.

This news item has appeared in the Urdu daily 'Milap', dated 11th March, 1956. It relates to a question regarding the aid given to the Punjabi Sahitya Academy. The headlines given to this news item are :—

> " Scenes created in the Punjab Assembly on the question of aid given to Punjabi Sahitya Academy " ;

and again

> "Sharp exchanges between Shrimati Sita Devi and Sardar Gurbachan Singh Bajwa ".

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Then, I too, have been involved in the exchange of hot words. It adds :—

> " Sharp altercations between Shrimati Sita Devi, Sardar Gurdial Singh Dhillon and Sardar Gurbachan Singh Bajwa ".

I have looked up the relevant record but I do not find any exchange of hot words in it. Shrimati Sita Devi asked the question to which Sardar Gurbachan Singh Bajwa replied thus :—

"I am not fully aware where from the Punjabi Sahitya Academy has received the aid but I can say that we tried to get this aid for Hindi from the Government of India.

**Shrimati Sita Devi :** I would like to know whether the Punjab Government forwards every application for grant of aid from such like organisations to the Government of India. I would also like to know whether it is in the power of the Punjab Government or Central Government to sanction such grants.

**Minister :** Both the Governments are competent to give grant to any organisation but when we can get funds from other sources, I see no reason why we should not get them. As the Government of India was giving aid for the propagation of Hindi, we also tried to get it from them.

**Shrimati Sita Devi :** Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state whether the Government has laid down any policy that if money for such purposes is not available from outside, aid be granted to such and such languages and not to others ?

**Mr. Speaker :** Order please. Questions about policy matters cannot be asked in this House ".

You will see that there is no indication of any altercations of any kind. What I want is that the proceedings of this House should be reported by the Press honestly and correctly and not with a view to creating sensations among the public. This undermines the prestige of the House and gives an impression to the people outside that no orderliness exists in this House. All of you are aware of the so-called " altercations " that took place here on this issue. I am really sorry for all this. I have therefore brought it to your notice. I am referring this matter to the Press Gallery Committee and..............

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I am referring this matter to the Press Gallery Committee and consult it in this connection. If after consultation it is felt that a warning is needed then it would be done as suggested by the hon. Member.

On the 14th March, 1956, the hon. Speaker observed—

In regard to the news item which appeared in the 'Milap' yesterday, the correspondent concerned met me and satisfied me fully by his explanation. After hearing him I have dropped the matter. He has explained the whole position and I have accepted his explanation. (*See* page 68 *ante*)

**Ruling by the Speaker on 2nd April, 1956, regarding the language of the replies to the questions**

I do not know whether my predecessor gave any ruling in this connection or not. But I would say that the Ministers ought to give replies in Hindi and Punjabi. I had also clarified the position the other day that as at present English is being used at the Secretariat level I cannot force the Ministers to give replies in Hindi and Punjabi. There is a paucity of staff in our Secretariat also which could do the translating. But as soon as there is a change in the policy of the Government the system of giving replies in Hindi and Punjabi will be enforced. (*See* page 68 *ante*)

**Ruling by the Speaker on 4th April, 1956, regarding the communication addressed by Shri Balu to Lok Sabha and other authorities.**

Hon. Members before we commence the business of the day, I have to discharge my responsibility to you by bringing to your notice a matter in which an hon. Member of this House addressed a communication, part of which was couched in objectionable terms, to outsiders, in which this hon. House has already taken a decision.

You may recall that on the 14th of March, 1956, Shri Balu had given notice to raise a question involving a breach of privilege of the House on the alleged leakage of the Budget. You may also remember that I had already held the matter proposed to be discussed as being in order and had put it to the House for leave. You may further remember that only one member, namely, Shri Balu himself had stood up in favour of leave being granted and, therefore, the member did not have the leave of the House to raise this question of privilege.

Notwithstanding this decision of the House, this hon. Member addressed communications, as I have said, to outsiders such as the President of the Indian National Congress, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha and the Home Minister to the Union Government of India in the following objectionable terms :—

> "With due respect I beg to draw your attention to the following very serious and important matter for necessary action as well as for future vigilance and check............".

Under the Rules of Procedure of the House, the question of admissibility of a privilege motion is a matter entirely within the sole jurisdiction of this House and that when this question has already been decided by the House an approach by a member to outsiders, however, highly placed they may be, is tantamount to a reflection on the decision of this House. Any one who casts a reflection on the decision of this House commits contempt of this House. I, therefore, hold that Shri Balu by his act of addressing communications to outside authorities criticising the decision of this House and inviting outside aid for action, vigilance and check on this House, has committed contempt of this House. The proper course for the member would have been to move this House itself to rescind its decision if he was dissatisfied with it rather than reflect on it publicly.

This is a serious matter and I should have referred it to the Committee of Privileges for examination but in view of the fact that the Member being recently elected is as yet not experienced enough in the method of parliamentary democracy and was possibly not aware of the serious consequences of his indiscretion, I am content with issuing him a warning. (*See* page 68 *ante* and page 77 *infra.*)

**Ruling by the Speaker regarding objection raised by the Chief Minister on 29th March, 1956 on the resolution of Pandit Shri Ram Sharma about disparity in representation in services of the State between the residents of Ambala and Jullundur Divisions.**

I had stated the other day that I would get legal opinion about it and give my ruling on this point, in the light of that opinion. I have consulted the Advocate-General and the Legal Remembrancer on this subject and keeping in view their legal opinion this Resolution would be deleted from the Agenda. I have got the legal opinion of the Advocate-General and the Legal Remembrancer with me and both of them consider that this resolution is *ultra vires* of the Constitution. I, therefore, uphold the constitutional point so ably raised by the Chief Minister. Pandit Shri Ram Sharma does not appear to be present here today but, however, he has been informed about this. If the legal opinion had been in favour of the Resolution I would have given it the first place on the Agenda of the next non-official day. (See page, 20 & 68 *ante* and 74 & 76 *infra*).

**Observations/Statements made by the Speaker.**

| Serial No. | Date | Subject matter. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 3rd March, 1956 .. | Regarding dignified manner in which the Members listened to the Governor's Address. (*See* page 75 *infra.*) |
| 2 | 29th March, 1956 | Regarding an objection raised by the Chief Minister to the Resolution of Pt. Shri Ram Sharma on the subject of disparity in representation in services of the State between the residents of Ambala and Jullundur Divisions. (*See* pages 20, 68 and 73 *ante* and 76 *infra*) |
| 3 | 5th April, 1956 .. | Regarding the communication addressed by Shri Balu to the Lok Sabha and other authorities on the subject of alleged leakage of the Budget. (*See* pages 68 and 72 *ante* and page 77 *infra.*) |

**Observations made by the Speaker on 3rd March, 1956, regarding dignified manner in which the Members listened to Governor's Address.**

You will recollect that last year when I returned from the Presiding Officers' Conference, I explained to you the position of the Governor which he enjoys as the Head of the State under the Constitution. I also explained at that time as to what our duties are in this House when he comes here to address Members of both the Houses. I made an appeal to you all that you should show full respect to him in this House which he deserves as Head of the State because he owes no allegiance to any party.

I had made an appeal to you that walk outs on such occasions should not be staged in this House. I sincerely thank you for your acting upon democratic principles. I think that perhaps good times have now come when my appeal has had the desired effect.

I must say that you have become better than myself (*laughter*). This year you have maintained the decorum of this House and by doing so you have upheld the principles of democracy. I whole-heartedly thank you for all this. (*See* page 74*ante*.)

**Observations made by the Speaker on 29th March, 1956 on an objection being raised by the Chief Minister to the Resolution of Pt. Shri Ram Sharma about disparity in representation in services of the State between the residents of Ambala and Jullundur Divisions.**

The question before the House is whether this Resolution can be moved or not. This is the fundamental right of the House that it can object to a Motion before it is put to the House. The objection raised by the Chief Minister is that a region is not covered in the definition of the word ' Class ' whereas the interpretation advanced by the hon. Pandit Shri Ram Sharma is that the word ' Class ' is all inclusive. Both the interpretations are before the House. But before I give my final ruling I would like to consult the Advocate-General in this matter. Since he is away to Delhi, I reserve my ruling.

Personally I think that there is a great difference between the terms ' region ' and ' Class '. Anyhow, I will place the interpretations given by the Chief Minister as well as the hon. Member before the Advocate-General. I have also consulted the Legal Remembrancer. But I will give the final decision on this issue after consulting the Advocate-General. If he has no objection then the Resolution of the hon. Member will be placed at number one of the agenda of the next non-official day. But in case there is any objection, then of course, it will not be so placed and the hon. Member will be informed about the matter in writing. (*See* pages 20, 68, 73 and 74 *ante*.)

**Observations made by the Speaker on 5th April, 1956 regarding Shri Balu's conduct.**

Hon. Members, I wish to say that yesterday I had given a ruling a bout Shri Balu's conduct.

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There are two Members in this House. One of them is known as Shri Baloo Ram and the other as Shri Balu.

Well, the letters addressed by Shri Balu to the Lok Sabha and the Home Minister bear the same subject. Some of the hon. Members have raised the question as to what attitude should be adopted in this connection.

I was surprised to find that one of the hon. Members who has been a leading Minister, some time back, stated that he would go to the Press regarding this matter. The thing is that in the letter addressed to the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Shri Balu has given the history of the Question of Privilege regarding the date as to when it was raised and further that the Chief Minister could not understand even this small matter and so on.

I take objection to two things in this respect. Firstly, whether the hon. Members can discuss the merits of a decision taken earlier by this House and secondly, whether the *bona fides* of the House can be questioned and also whether anything casting reflection on the Chair can be discussed. It is written in the letter :—

" beg to draw your attention to the following.......... "

and further on he says that some action should be taken and vigilance and check be kept. It is written therein—

> " very serious and important matter for necessary action as well as for future vigilance and check "

I gave the ruling keeping in view these very things.

Now I would like to read out the contents of the letter received from the Lok Sabha Secretariat. It is as follows :—

> " With reference to your letter dated the 20th March, 1956, on the subject noted above, I am directed to state that the question of admissibility of a privilege motion is a matter entirely within the sole jurisdiction of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha........ ".

I think that this letter and the contents of the other one which I have just read out must have made the whole position clear to you that the action that has been taken was quite necessary. (See pages 68, 72 and 74 *ante*)

**Points of order and decisions thereon.**

1. Whether reference to confidential Government circulars on the floor of the House was permissible.

It was held that that could not be done unless the source of information or the source from where it was secured, was disclosed.

(On 5th March, 1956, an hon. Member Shri Wadhawa Ram wanted to refer to a confidential Government circular during the discussion of the Governor's Address).

2. Whether written speeches could be read on the floor of the House.

The Speaker did not permit that.

(On 6th March, 1956, during the course of discussion on Governor's Address an hon. Member (Sardar. Gurdial Singh) was seen reading his speech).

3. Whether in the presence of the Minister-in-charge another Minister could answer questions.

It was held that he could. (13th March, 1956).

4. Whether supplementary questions giving suggestive information and dealing with the policy of the Government could be asked.

The Speaker held that such questions could not be asked. (14th March, 1956).

5. Whether decision of the House could be criticised.

It was held that this could not be done.

(On 14th March, 1956, Shri Balu again started discussing the alleged leakage of Budget during the general discussion of the Budget. The Speaker did not allow him to criticise the decision of the House by virtue of which the leave to raise a question of privilege on this subject had been refused.)

6. Whether the salary of the Governor could be discussed.

It was held that it could be discussed but not voted upon. (16th March, 1956).

**Unparliamentary Expressions.**

| | | | Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hypocrisy | | .. | 3rd March, 1956. |
| चूहड़ा | (Sweeper) | .. | 5th March, 1956. |
| Lie | | .. | 13th March, 1956. |
| Dishonesty | | .. | 14th March, 1956. |
| मुसलमान बराए नाम मुसलमान हैं | (Muslims are Muslims in name only) | | 5th April, 1956. |
| लालच | (Greed) | .. | 5th April, 1956. |
| बेहूदगी | (absurdity) | .. | 10th April, 1956. |
| Parasites | | .. | 12th April, 1956. |

**Comparative statement of speeches made by the Members of the Treasury Benches and Opposition Groups and the time taken by them during the 12th Session (Budget Session), 1956.**

| NO. OF SPEECHES MADE BY | | | TIME TAKEN BY | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Treasury Benches* | | | *Treasury Benches* | | | | | |
| Members | Ministers | Members of the Opposition Groups | Members | | Ministers | | Members of the Opposition Groups | |
| | | | H | M | H | M | H. | M. |
| 285 | 77 | 224 | 47 | 43 | 13 | 30 | 35 | 28 |
| (48.7 per cent) | (13.1 per cent) | (38.2 per cent) | (49.6 per cent) | | (13.5 per cent) | | (36.9 per cent | |

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# PREFACE

The following pages contain information, in a consolidated form, about the business transacted in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha during its 13th Session commencing from the 20th August, 1956.

Suggestions by Members for the improvement of such publications, in future, would be very greatly welcomed.

CHANDIGARH:
The 14th December, 1956.

KULDIP CHAND BEDI,
Secretary.

# PROGRAMME OBSERVED BY THE PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA DURING ITS 13TH SESSION HELD FROM THE 20TH AUGUST, 1956 TO THE 5TH OCTOBER, 1956

| Date | Programme observed |
|---|---|
| 20th August, 1956 .. | (i) Reference to the death of the late Dr. H. C. Mookerjee, Governor of West Bengal.<br>(ii) Presentation of Excess Demands for the year 1951-52.<br>(iii) Introduction of—<br>1. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>2. The Punjab District Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>(iv) 1. The Punjab Instruments (Control of Noises) Bill, 1956.<br>2. The Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>3. The East Punjab Improved Seeds and Seedlings (Amendment) Bill, 1956. |
| 21st August, 1956 .. | (i) Presentation of the Third Preliminary Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Punjab State Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill, 1953.<br>(ii) Official Resolution—<br>"That this House ratifies the amendments of the Seventh Schedule, Article 269 and Article 286 of the Constitution of India, proposed to be made by the Constitution (Sixth Amendment) Bill, 1956, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament."<br>(iii) Introduction of—<br>1. The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>2. The Punjab Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>3. The East Punjab Utilization of Lands (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>(iv) 1. Resumption of consideration of the East Punjab Improved Seeds and Seedlings (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>2. The Punjab Betterment Charges and Acreage Rates (Amendment) Bill, 1956. |
| 22nd August, 1956 .. | (i) Introduction of—<br>1. The Land Acquisition (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>2. The Good Conduct Prisoners' Probational Release (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>3. The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956. |

| Date | Programme observed |
|---|---|
| 22nd August, 1956—*concld* | (ii) 1. (a) Resumption of consideration of the Punjab Betterment Charges and Acreage Rates (Amendment) Bill, 1956, clause by clause.<br>(b) Postponement of the consideration of the above Bill clause by clause.<br>2. The Indian Lunacy (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>3. The Ambala District Board (Tax Validating) Bill, 1956.<br>4. The Punjab Municipal (Tax Validating) Bill, 1956.<br>5. The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1956. |
| 23rd August, 1956 .. | (i) Presentation of the Report of the Business Advisory Committee.<br>(ii) Introduction of—<br>1. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>2. The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>3. The Scheduled Areas Traders' (Facilities for Loans) Bill, 1956.<br>4. The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab, Bill, 1956.<br>(iii) *Non-official business*.—Resolutions—<br>1. That this Assembly recommends to the Government to take steps to confer proprietary rights on occupancy tenants of evacuee lands who have been granted permanent occupancy rights in respect of such lands in the manner provided in the Punjab Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) (Amendment) Act of 1955 in respect of other lands.<br>2. That this Assembly recommends to the Government to put a stop to the method of raising Government loans and subscriptions through Government servants. |
| 24th August, 1956 .. | (i) Presentation of the Supplementary Estimates (1st Instalment) 1956-57.<br>(ii) Presentation of the Report of the Committee on Estimates on the Supplementary Estimates (1st Instalment) 1956-57.<br>(iii) Motion regarding the extension of time for presenting the Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Punjab State Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill, 1953.<br>(iv) The Punjab Bhudan Yagna Bill, 1955. |

| Date | Programme observed |
| --- | --- |
| 25th and 26th August, 1956 .. | Off-days. |
| 27th August, 1956 .. | (i) Introduction of—<br>The Prisons (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>(ii) Voting of Excess Demands.<br>(iii) Voting of Supplementary Demands. |
| 28th August, 1956 .. | (i) Introduction of—<br>1. The Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>2. The East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>(ii) 1. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1956.<br>2. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1956. |
| 29th August, 1956 to 2nd September, 1956 | Adjournment of the Sabha. |
| 3rd September, 1956 .. | (i) Introduction of—<br>The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>(ii) 1. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>2. The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>3. The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab, Bill, 1956. |
| 4th September, 1956 .. | 1. Motion by Sardar Harkishan Singh Surjit that the order of the Governor relating to the additions to Schedule 'A' referred to in regulation (3) (b) of the Punjab Public Service Commission (Limitation of Functions) Regulations, namely :—<br>"12. Supervisors in the Public Relations Department, Punjab.<br>13. Consolidation Officers in the Consolidation of Holdings Department, Punjab, appointed up to the 31st March, 1956, and thereafter.<br>14. Chief Instructor and two Assistant Instructresses for the Home Economics Department, Punjab" be repealed.<br>2. Confirmation of the Punjab Entertainments Duty Rules, 1956.<br>3. The East Punjab Utilization of Lands (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>4. The East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>5. The Punjab Special Powers (Press) Bill, 1956. |

| Date | Programme observed |
|---|---|
| 5th September, 1956 .. | 1. Motion regarding adjournment of the Sabha *sine die*.<br>2. Resumption of consideration of the Punjab Special Powers (Press) Bill, 1956.<br>3. The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>4. The Land Acquisition (Punjab Second Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>5. The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>6. The Scheduled Areas Traders' (Facilities for Loans) Bill, 1956.<br>7. The Punjab Municipal (Tax Validating) Bill, 1956 (as amended by the Council).<br>8. The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1956 (as amended by the Council).<br>9. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>10. The Punjab District Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>11. The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>12. The Good Conduct Prisoners' Probational Release (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>13. The Punjab New Townships (Street Lighting and Water-supply) Fees (Amendment) Bill, 1956. |
| 6th September, 1956 to 2nd October, 1956 | Adjournment of the Sabha. |
| 3rd October, 1956 .. | (i) Introduction of—<br>1. The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>2. The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>3. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>4. The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>5. The Punjab Public Service Commission (Additional Functions) (Amendment) Bill 1956.<br>(ii) Official Resolution—<br>"That this House ratifies the amendments proposed to be made to the Constitution of India by the Constitution (Seventh Amendment) Bill, 1956, as passed by the Houses of Parliament." |

| Date | Programme observed |
|---|---|
| 4th October, 1956 .. | (i) Motion (as passed by the Council) regarding recommittal of the Punjab Hindu Dharam Asthan Bill, 1952 to the same Joint Select Committee with instructions to submit its final report on or before March 30, 1957.<br>(ii) 1. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>2. The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>3. The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>4. The Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>5. The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956. |
| 5th October, 1956 .. | 1. Motion regarding adjournment of the Sabha *sine die*.<br>2. Resumption of consideration of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956, clause by clause.<br>3. The Punjab Abolition of Whipping Bill, 1956.<br>4. The Punjab Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>5. The Prisons (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956.<br>6. The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956 (as amended by the Council).<br>7. Farewell Speeches by the Chief Minister and the Speaker. |

## SUMMONING AND SITTINGS

The Punjab Vidhan Sabha was summoned to meet for its 13th Session on the 20th August, 1956, by an order of the Governor, dated the 2nd August, 1956, and continued to meet till the 5th September, 1956, when it adjourned *sine die*, and was called by the Speaker to meet again on the 3rd October, 1956, and continued to meet till the 5th October, 1956, when it adjourned *sine die* having held a total number of 13 sittings. On Thursday, the 23rd August, 1956, business other than Government business was transacted.

This Session was prorogued by an order of the Governor, dated the 29th October, 1956.

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## PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

On the 20th August, 1956, the Speaker nominated the following on the Panel of Chairmen under rule 13 (1) :—

(1) Shrimati Dr. Parkash Kaur.

(2) Dewan Jagdish Chandra.

(3) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan.

(4) Principal Iqbal Singh.

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## COMMITTEES

I. Nomination by the Speaker.

(i) On 18th August, 1956, to the **House Committee** under rule 267—

(1) Chaudhri Sarup Singh, *Ex-officio* (Chairman) (Deputy Speaker).

(2) *Shri Kesho Dass.

(3) Shri Chandan Lal Jaura.

(4) Chaudhri Samar Singh.

(5) Sardar Achhar Singh Chhina.

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*Shri Kesho Dass, resigned from the membership of the House Committee on the 20th August, 1956.

Bhagat Guran Dass Hans was nominated as a Member of the House Committee on 24th August, 1956 vice Shri Kesho Dass.

(ii) On 20th August, 1956, to the **Committee on Petitions** under rule 293 (1):—

(1) Chaudhri Sarup Singh, Deputy Speaker (Chairman).

(2) Shri Sadhu Ram.

(3) Sardar Partap Singh (Ratta Khera).

(4) Rao Abhai Singh.

(5) Sardar Darshan Singh.

(iii) On 31st August, 1956, to the **Committee on Subordinate Legislation** under Rule 265-B :—

(1) Chaudhri Sri Chand—Chairman.

(2) Sardar Gurbachan Singh Bajwa.

(3) Shri Dev Raj Sethi.

(4) Rao Gajraj Singh.

(5) Shri Gorakh Nath.

(6) Sardar Ajmer Singh.

(7) Sardar Harkishan Singh Surjit.

(8) Advocate-General.

II. Election by the Sabha.

(i) On 4th September,1956, to fill the existing *vacancies in the **Committee on Public Accounts** for 1956-57 under Rule 250 :—

(1) †Rao Gajraj Singh.

(2) †Jathedar Mohan Singh.

(3) †Chaudhri Mohd. Yasin Khan.

(4) †Shri Darbari Lal Gupta.

Rao Gajraj Singh was appointed as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee on 5th September, 1956, under Rule 250 (7)(a).

(ii) on 4th September, 1956, to fill the existing ‡vacancy in the **Committee on Estimates** for 1956-57 under Rule 252.

(1) Shrimati Shanno Devi.

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*See page 7 of the resume for Budget Session (12th Session) 1956.

†Shri Darbari Lal Gupta, M. L. C. was nominated by the Punjab Legisltiave Council on the 27th August, 1956, to associate with the Public Accounts Committee of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for the year 1956-57.

‡See page 7 of the resume for Budget Session (12th Session) 1956.

**Comparative statement of speeches made by the Members of the Treasury Benches and Opposition Groups and the time taken by them during the 13th Session (August, September and October), 1956.**

| NUMBER OF SPEECHES MADE BY | | | TIME TAKEN BY | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Treasury Benches* | | | *Treasury Benches* | | |
| Members | Ministers | Members of the Opposition Groups | Members | Ministers | Members of the Opposition Groups |
| | | | H. M. | H. M. | H. M. |
| 145 | 102 | 205 | 13 19 | 8 38 | 20 50 |
| 32.0 per cent | 22.6 per cent | 45.4 per cent | 31.1 per cent | 20.2 per cent | 48.7 per cent |

# FINANCIAL BUSINESS

## I. Excess Demands

### 1. Excess Demands for the year 1951-52.

Excess Demands for the year 1951-52 were presented to the Sabha on the 20th August, 1956 and discussed and voted on the 27th August, 1956.

There were 4 demands in all, totalling a sum of Rs 3,83,46,063.

Demands Nos. 2, 3 and 4 were carried without any discussion.

Demand No. 1 was carried after discussion. No amendment was moved. Please see the table below :—

| Demand No. | Subject | No. of speakers | | Time taken in minutes | | Amendments given notice of | | Not moved | Out of order | With-drawn | Lost |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Try. | Opp. | Try. | Opp. | Try. | Opp. | | | | |
| 1 | Charges on P.W.D., Buildings and Roads Establishment .. | 1 | | 5 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | .. |

### 2. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1956.

Appropriation (No. 3) Bill (Bill No. 32-PLA of 1956) in respect of Excess Demands voted by the Sabha on the 27th August, 1956 was introduced on the 28th August, 1956.

It was passed without any discussion and remained before the Sabha for 3 minutes.

## II. SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (1ST INSTALMENT) 1956-57.

### 1. Supplementary Estimates (1st Instalment) 1956-57.

Supplementary Estimates (1st Instalment) 1956-57 were presented to the Sabha on the 24th August, 1956 and discussed and voted on the 27th August, 1956. There were 9 demands in all, totalling a sum of Rs. 27,50,070.

Demands Nos. 8 and 9 were carried without any discussion. No notice of amendment had been received.

Demands Nos. 1 to 7 were carried after discussion. No amendment was moved.

Please see the table below :—

| Demand No. | Subject | No. of Speakers | | Time taken in minutes | | Amendments given notice of | | Not moved | Out of order | Withdrawn | Lost |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Try. | Opp. | Try. | Opp. | Try. | Opp. | | | | |
| 1 | 54—Famine .. | 3 | 4 | 16 | 14 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 2 | 85-A—Capital Outlay .. | 1 | 4 | 10 | 21 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 3 | 25—General Administration | 5 | 6 | 23 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 4 | 37—Education | .. | 1 | .. | 4 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 5 | 50—Civil Works | 5 | 1 | 10 | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 6 | 57—Miscellaneous .. | 2 | 2 | 9 | 9 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 7 | 68—Construction .. | 7 | 2 | 54 | 18 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. |

## 2. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1956.

Appropriation (No. 4) Bill (Bill No. 33-PLA of 1956), in respect of Demands for Supplementary Grants voted by the Sabha on the 27th August, 1956, was introduced on the 28th August, 1956.

It was before the Sabha for 160 minutes. Nineteen members took part in the discussion, 7 from the Opposition and 12 from the Treasury Benches speaking for 72 and 87 minutes, respectively.

The Bill was passed.

## LIST OF BILLS INTRODUCED

| Serial No. | Name of the Bill | Minister introducing. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Deputy Minister for Labour. |
| 2 | The Punjab District Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Ditto |
| 3 | The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Chief Minister. |
| 4 | The Punjab Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Minister for Revenue, Education and Rehabilitation. |
| 5 | The East Punjab Utilization of Lands (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Ditto |
| 6 | The Land Acquisition (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Minister for Irrigation and Power. |
| 7 | The Good Conduct Prisoners' Probational Release (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Minister for Finance. |
| 8 | The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Minister for Irrigation and Power. |
| 9 | The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Minister for Revenue, Education and Rehabilitation. |
| 10 | The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Ditto |
| 11 | The Scheduled Areas Traders' (Facilities for Loans) Bill, 1956 | Ditto |
| 12 | The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab, Bill, 1956 | Ditto |
| 13 | The Punjab Bhudan Yagna Bill, 1955 .. | Ditto |
| 14 | The Prisons (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956 .. | Minister for Finance. |
| 15 | The Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Ditto |
| 16 | The East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Ditto |
| 17 | The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1956 | Ditto |
| 18 | The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1956 | Ditto |

| Serial No. | Name of the Bill | Minister introducing |
|---|---|---|
| 19 | The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Minister for Public Works. |
| 20 | The Punjab Special Powers (Press) Bill, 1956 | Chief Minister. |
| 21 | The Punjab New Townships (Street Lighting and Water-supply) Fees (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Minister for Revenue, Education and Rehabilitation. |
| 22 | The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Chief Minister. |
| 23 | The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Minister for Revenue, Education and Rehabilitation. |
| 24 | The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Chief Minister. |
| 25 | The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Ditto |
| 26 | The Punjab Public Service Commission (Additional Functions) (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | Ditto |
| 27 | The Punjab Abolition of Whipping Bill, 1956 | Minister for Finance. |

For details *see* chart at page 13 *infra*.

## GISLATION

*r and 4th and 5th October, 1956 and passed the following Bills in addition to the two Appropriation Bills one in respect of Excess Demands and the three Bills originated in and received from the Legislative Council.*

in this connection may be perused —

| d | Amendments moved | | Amendments withdrawn | Amendments lost | Amendments held out of order | Amendments carried | | Total time taken for disposal in minutes | Date of passing | Date of transmission to the Council | Date of receipt back from the Council | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| - | Treasury | Opposition | | | | Treasury | Opposition | | | | | |
| | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | | OFFICIAL LEGISLATION | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 148 | See remarks | .. | .. | On 22-8-56 the consideration of the Bill clause by clause was, at the request of the Chief Minister, postponed. |
| | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 58 | 22-8-56 | 22-8-56 | 27-8-56 | |
| | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 13 | 22-8-56 | 22-8-56 | 27-8-56 | |
| | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 25 | 22-8-56 | 22-8-56 | * 27-8-56 (With amendment) | *The amendment made by the Council was agreed to by the Vidhan Sabha on the 5th September, 1956, without any debate. |
| 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 124 | 22-8-56 | 22-8-56 | †28-8-56 (With amendments) | †The amendments made by the Council were agreed to by the Vidhan Sabha on the 5th September, 1956, without any debate. |
| | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 5-9-56 | 5-9-56 | 6-9-56 | |
| | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 5-9-56 | 5-9-56 | 6-9-56 | |
| | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 5-9-56 | 5-9-56 | 6-9-56 | |
| | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 5-10-56 | 5-10-56 | 8-10-56 (With amendment) | |
| 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 81 | 4-9-56 | 4-9-56 | 6-9-56 | |
| 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 5-9-56 | 5-9-56 | 6-9-56 | |
| | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 5-9-56 | 5-9-56 | 6-9-56 | |
| | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 20 | 5-9-56 | 5-9-56 | 6-9-56 | |
| 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 35 | 3-9-56 | 3-9-56 | 4-9-56 | |
| 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 2 | 3-9-56 | 3-9-56 | 4-9-56 | |
| | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 5-9-56 | 5-9-56 | 6-9-56 | |
| 7 | .. | 7 | .. | 7 | .. | .. | .. | 147 | 3-9-56 | 3-9-56 | 4-9-56 | |
| 15 | 2 | 13 | .. | 1 | 4 | .. | .. | 169 | 24-8-56 | 24-8-56 | 28-8-56 | |
| | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 13 | 5-10-56 | 5-10-56 | 8-10-56 | |
| | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15 | 4-10-56 | 4-10-56 | 5-10-56 | |
| | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 40 | 4-9-56 | 4-9-56 | 6-9-56 | |
| | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 28-8-56 | 28-8-56 | 3-9-56 | |
| | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 160 | 28-8-56 | 28-8-56 | 3-9-56 | |
| | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 5-9-56 | 5-9-56 | 6-9-56 | |
| 2 | 3 | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | 3 | .. | 318 | 5-9-56 | 5-9-56 | 6-9-56 | |
| | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 5-9-56 | 5-9-56 | 6-9-56 | |
| | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 4-10-56 | 4-10-56 | ‡5-10-56 (With amendment) | ‡The amendment made by the Council was agreed to by the Vidhan Sabha on the 5th October, 1956, without any debate. |
| 5 | 20 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 345 | 5-10-56 | 5-10-56 | 8-10-56 | |
| | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 4 | 4-10-56 | 4-10-56 | 5-10-56 | |
| | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 30 | 4-10-56 | 4-10-56 | 5-10-56 | |
| ld not be considered | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9 | 5-10-56 | 5-10-56 | 8-10-56 | |
| LEGISLATION | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |

## BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE BILLS PASSED BY THE VIDHAN SABHA

### The Punjab Bhudan Yagna Bill, 1955

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BILL

to facilitate activities in connection with the Bhudan Yagna initiated by Shri Acharya Vinoba Bhave, to provide for the constitution of a Bhudan Yagna Board, the donation of lands to the said Board, the distribution of lands received in donation to landless persons as also their utilisation for community purposes ; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

(*Discussed on* 24*th August*, 1956. *Passed on* 24*th August*, 1956).

This Bill provides for the voluntary donations of land and the settlement of landless workers thereon and to launch and implement the Bhudan Movement started by Shri Acharya Vinoba Bhave.

### 2. The Indian Lunacy (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956.

A

BILL

to amend the Indian Lunacy Act, 1912 (Act IV of 1912) in its application to the State of Punjab.

(*Discussed on* 22*nd August*, 1956. *Passed on* 22*nd August*, 1956).

This Bill provides for free treatment to poor mental patients in the State. Previously, only dangerous mental patients had been allowed free treatment.

### 3. The Ambala District Board (Tax Validating) Bill, 1956.

A

BILL

to validate the imposition of tax on professions , etc., by the District Board, Ambala in the Ambala District.

(*Discussed on* 22*nd August*, 1956. *Passed on* 22*nd August*, 1956).

This Bill validates the imposition of professional tax by the District Board, Ambala, with effect from the 15th May, 1953, under Section 31(6) of the Punjab District Boards Act, 1883.

### 4. The Punjab Municipal (Tax Validating) Bill, 1956.

A

BILL

to validate the imposition of certain taxes by Municipal Committees in Punjab.

(*Discussed on* 22*nd August*, 1956. *Passed on* 22*nd August*, 1956).

This Bill validates—

(i) the imposition of tax at enhanced rates by the Municipal Committee, Rohtak, on buildings and lands situated within its jurisdiction ;

(ii) the imposition of Cycle Tax by the Municipal Committee, Shahabad.

### 5. The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1956.

A

BILL

to amend the Punjab Gram Panchayat Act, 1952 (Punjab Act IV of 1953).

(*Discussed on* 22*nd August*, 1956. *Passed on* 22*nd August*, 1956).

This Bill enables the Government to demarcate single-village Gram Panchayat Area with a population of less than 500 in suitable cases, as no provision forthis purpose existed in the principal Act.

It also enables the Panchayats to utilize the Gram Fund vested in each Panchayat for meeting the charges on elections and other suitable purposes which the Government may prescribe by Rules.

This Bill further brings the land, vested in a Gram Panchayat, within the scope of section 109(1) of the principal Act, which prescribes penalty for tampering with the properties of the Gram Panchayat without the sanction of the Panchayat or other lawful authority.

**6. The Punjab New Townships (Street Lighting and Water-supply) Fees (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**

A

BILL

to amend the Punjab New Townships (Street Lighting and Water-supply) Fees Act, 1950 (Punjab Act IX of 1950).

(*Discussed on* 5*th September*, 1956. *Passed on* 5*th September*, 1956).

This Bill removes a lacuna in section 7(2) of the principal Act by prescribing the general principle on which exemption is to be granted to purchasers of houses in new townships from the payment of fee for street lighting and water-supply levied under section 4 of the Act.

**7. The Punjab District Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**

A

BILL

further to amend the Punjab District Boards Act, 1883, for reservation of appointments in favour of members of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes.

(*Discussed on* 5*th September*, 1956. *Passed on* 5*th September*, 1956).

This Bill provides for the reservation of appointments and posts under the District Boards for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and recognised Backward Classes as in the case of services and posts under the State Government.

**8. The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**

A

BILL

further to amend the Punjab Municipal Act for reservation of appointments in favour of members of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes.

(*Discussed on* 5*th September*, 1956. *Passed on* 5*th September*, 1956).

This Bill provides for the reservation of appointments and posts under the Municipal Committees in the State for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and recognised Backward Classes as in the case of services and posts under the State Government.

**9. The East Punjab Utilization of Lands (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**

A

BILL

to amend the East Punjab Utilization of Lands Act, 1949 (East Punjab Act XXXVIII of 1949).

(*Discussed on* 3*rd September*, 1956. *Passed on* 4*th September*, 1956).

This Bill eliminates the provision of issuing notice to a landowner, for taking possession of land, under Section 3 of the principal Act, in case of wrong entry in the revenue record regarding the cultivation of land by its owner which in fact has remained uncultivated for the last six or more harvests. It also vests powers in the Commissioner to send for record *suo moto* or on application made to him and to amend, modify or cancel the order made by the Collector.

**10. The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**

A

BILL

further to amend the Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) Act, 1952.

(*Discussed on 5th September*, 1956. *Passed on 5th September*, 1956).

This Bill exempts the Deputy Ministers appointed in the State from being disqualified from the Membership of the Punjab State Legislature under Article 191 of the Constitution.

**11. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**

A

BILL

further to amend the Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Act, 1942.

(*Discussed on 3rd September*, 1956. *Passed on 3rd September*, 1956).

This Bill vests powers in the Speaker, Punjab Vidhan Sabha, to frame rules under the principal Act.

It also enables the Members of the Joint Committees of the Punjab Legislative Assembly and the Punjab Legislative Council to draw travelling and halting allowances for attending the meetings of such Committees.

Further, this Bill enables the Members of the Punjab Legislative Assembly to draw travelling and halting allowances for journeys undertaken under the orders of the Speaker.

This Bill also enables the Members to draw halting allowance for attending the meetings of the Assembly.

**12. The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**

A

BILL

further to amend the Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) Act, 1952.

(*Discussed on 3rd September*, 1956. *Passed on 3rd September*, 1956).

This Bill vests powers in the Chairman, Punjab Legislative Council, to frame rules under the principal Act.

It also enables the Members of the Joint Committees of the Punjab Legislative Council and the Punjab Legislative Assembly to draw travelling and halting allowances for attending the meetings of such Committees.

Further, this Bill enables the Members of the Punjab Legislative Council to draw travelling and halting allowances for journeys undertaken under the orders of the Chairman.

This Bill also enables the Members to draw halting allowance for attending the meetings of the Council.

**13. The Land Acquisition (Punjab Second Amendment) Bill, 1956.**

A

BILL

to amend the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, as amended by Punjab Act II of 1954. in its application to the State of Punjab.

(*Discussed on 5th September*, 1956. *Passed on 5th September*, 1956).

This Bill replaces the Land Acquisition (Punjab Amendment) Ordinance, 1956, which enabled the Government to take immediate possession of land required for public purposes of urgent importance under section 17 of the principal Act.

**14. The Scheduled Areas Traders' (Facilities for Loans) Bill, 1956.**

A

BILL

to provide for extension of loan facilities to certain traders of Lahaul and Spiti Areas.

(*Discussed on 5th September*, 1956. *Passed on 5th September*, 1956).

This Bill replaces the Scheduled Areas Traders' (Facilities for Loans) Ordinance, 1956, which empowered the Government to grant loans to the traders of Scheduled Areas of Lahaul and Spiti who suffered business losses on account of severe snowfalls in October, 1955 to enable them to restart their business.

**15. The Good Conduct Prisoners' Probational Release (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**

A

BILL

to amend the Good Conduct Prisoners' Probational Release Act, 1926 (Punjab Act X of 1926).

(*Discussed on 5th September*, 1956. *Passed on 5th September*, 1956).

This Bill empowers the Reclamation Officer or the Probation Officer under whose authority a prisoner is released on probation, to order his arrest and detention until the orders of revocation of a licence are passed, in such place and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the State Government.

**16. The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**

A

BILL

to amend the East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) Act, 1948 (East Punjab Act L. of 1948).

(*Discussed on 5th September*, 1956. *Passed on 5th September*, 1956).

This Bill amends the principal Act with a view to make provision that if repartition of a village is revised or cancelled the right holders should not revert to their previous holdings but should remain in possession of the land allotted to them until the second repartition is carried out by the Consolidation Officer to avoid confusion at the time of revision or cancellations of repartition of agricultural holdings.

**17. The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab, Bill, 1956.**

A

BILL

to provide for the Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers in the State of Punjab.

(*Discussed on 3rd September*, 1956. *Passed on 3rd September*, 1956).

This Bill determines the Salaries and Allowances and concessions admissible to the Deputy Ministers appointed in the State.

**18. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1956.**

A

BILL

to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Punjab to meet the amounts spent on certain services during the financial year ended on the 31st day of March, 1952. in excess of the amounts authorised or granted for the said services.

(*Discussed on* 28*th August*, 1956. *Passed on* 28*th August*. 1956).

This Bill provides for the appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Punjab for the money required to meet the expenditure on account of excesses over grants and appropriations for the year ending on the 31st March, 1952.

**19. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1956.**

A

BILL

to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Punjab for the service of the financial year ending on 31st day of March, 1957.

(*Discussed on* 28*th August*, 1956. *Passed on* 28*th August*, 1956).

This Bill provides for the appropriation, from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State, of sums required to meet the Supplementary Grants made by the Vidhan Sabha for expenditure during the financial year 1956-57.

**20. The East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**

A

BILL

to amend the East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction Act (East Punjab Act No. 3 of 1949).

(*Discussed on* 4*th September*, 1956. *Passed on* 4*th September*, 1956).

This Bill prohibits the ejection of tenants of the urban non-residential buildings in the State on grounds of personal use. It further provides for revision by the High Court of the orders of the Appellate Authority.

**21. The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**

A

BILL

to amend the Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax Act, 1940 (Punjab Act XVII of 1940).

(*Discussed on* 5*th September*, 1956. *Passed on* 5*th September*, 1956).

This Bill by amending section 3 of the principal Act extends relief in the matter of annual tax on buildings and lands situated in the rating areas to all classes of owners. Further, the Bill provides for the recovery of the tax left unpaid by an assessee in respect of the property owned by him on the day of its transfer to another person.

**22. The Punjab Special Powers (Press) Bill, 1956.**

(*Discussed on* 4*th September*, 1956. *Passed on* 5*th* September, 1956).

This Bill imposes certain restrictions on publication in the Press of certain matters prejudicial to the maintenance of communal harmony, and prescribes penalty for the contravention of its provisions.

**23. The Prisons (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956.**

A

BILL

to amend the Prisons Act, 1894 (Act IX of 1894).

(*Discussed on* 5*th October*, 1956. *Passed on* 5*th October*, 1956).

This Bill brings certain punishments, provided in parts (b) and (c) of para 613 of the Punjab Jail Manual, within the scope of Section 46 of the principal Act, in order to regularise the retention of these punishments in the Jail Rules.

**24. The Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**

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BILL

to amend the Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) Act, 1954 (Punjab Act XXXVI of 1954).

(*Discussed on* 4*th October*, 1956. *Passed on* 4*th October*, 1956).

This Bill seeks to enforce the provisions of the principal Act to three assessment circles of Tarn Taran (Urban), Amritsar (Urban) and Amritsar (Suburban) of District Amritsar, previously exempted from the levy of surcharge on land revenue.

**25. The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification)(Second Amendment) Bill, 1956.**

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BILL

further to amend the Punjab State Legistlature (Prevention of Disqualification) Act, 1953 (Punjab Act VII of 1953).

(*Discussed on* 4*th October*, 1956. *Passed on* 4*th October*, 1956).

This Bill removes the disqualification of the Members of the State Legislature from being appointed as members of the Employees State Insurance Corporation, the Standing Committee and the Medical Benefit Council constituted under the Employees State Insurance Act, 1948.

It further enables the members of the State Legislature to join Auxiliary Air Force or the Air Defence Reserve without incurring such disqualification.

**26. The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**

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BILL

to amend the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1953 (Punjab Act No. 1 of 1954).

(*Discussed on* 4*th October*, 1956. *Passed on* 5*th October*, 1956).

This Bill defines "Shamilat" not previously defined in the principal Act.

This Bill provides that the existing rights, title, or interest in Shamilats enjoyed or acquired by Dholidars, Bhondedars, Butimars, Basikhuopahus, Saunjidars who, though not entered as occupancy tenants in the revenue records, but accorded a similar status by customs or otherwise, shall not be affected. This Bill further provides that the existing rights of persons, in occupation of Shamilats for more than twelve years without payment of rent or charges not exceeding the land revenue and cesses payable thereon, shall not be affected.

Further, this Bill also makes provision for an appeal against a Panchayat's decision under section 4 of the principal Act and enables Panchayats to secure physical possession of those portions of the Shamilat lands that are in unauthorised occupation.

**27. The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956.**

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BILL

further to amend the Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) Act, 1942 (Punjab Act IV of 1942).

(*Discussed on* 4*th October*, 1956. *Passed on* 4*th October*, 1956).

This Bill provides for the grant of residential accommodation to the Members of the Punjab Legislative Assembly at concessional rates with certain amenities at the place of sitting of the Assembly.

**28. The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956.**

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BILL

further to amend the Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) Act, 1952 (Punjab Act V of 1952).

(*Discussed on 4th October*, 1956. *Passed on 4th October*, 1956).

This Bill provides for the grant of residential accommodation to the members of the Punjab Legislative Council at concessional rates with certain amenities at the place of the sitting of the Assembly.

**29. The Punjab Abolition of Whipping Bill, 1956.**

A

BILL

to provide for the abolition of whipping as a punishment and to amend the existing State Laws for this purpose.

(*Discussed on 5th October*, 1956. *Passed on 5th October*, 1956).

This Bill abolishes whipping as a mode of punishment in the State.

**Bills originating in and received from the Council for the concurrence of the Vidhan Sabha.**

| Serial No. | Name of the Bill | Date of receipt | Date of consi-deration | Date of passing |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 5-4-56 | Not yet | considered |
| 2 | The Punjab Instruments (Control of Noises) Bill, 1956 | 9-3-56 | 20-8-56 | 20-8-56 |
| 3 | The Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 5-4-56 | 20-8-56 | 20-8-56 |
| 4 | The East Punjab Improved Seeds and Seedlings (Amendment) Bill, 1956 | 11-4-56 | 20-8-56 | 21-8-56 |

## PRIVATE LEGISLATION

The 21st August, 1956

*Presentation of.*—The report of the Joint Select Committee on the Punjab State Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill, 1953, was presented to the Sabha by the Revenue, Education and Rehabilitation Minister.

*Note*—Motion asking for extension of time up to 30th November, 1956 for submission of the final Report was moved by Shrimati Sita Devi, M.L.A., on the 24th August, 1956 and carried.

(*See statement at page* 13 *ante*).

## RESOLUTIONS

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|---|---|
| Number of Notices reeived .. | 30 |
| Number o Resolutions admitted .. | 23 Treasury Benches |
| Number of Resolutions disallowed .. | 5 Treasury Benches |
| Number of Resolutions referred back .. | 2 |
| Number of Resolutions renewed .. | 116 Treasury Benches |
| Total number of admitted Resolutions .. | 139 Treasury Benches |
| Number of Ballots held .. | 1 |
| Date on which Ballots held .. | 20th August, 1956 |
| Number of Resolutions ballotted .. | 3 |

The Minister for Finance while raising a point of order took objection to the moving of the following Resolution by Comrade Ram Chandra, M. L. A., on Thursday, the 23rd August, 1956:—

" In view of the geographical contiguity, cultural and developmental needs, social customs and general backwardness of the hilly areas comprising Kangra District, Lahaul and Spiti, Pathankot Tehsil, Una Tehsil, Kandi Ilaqa in Hoshiarpur District and the District of Simla, this Assembly recommends to the Government to approach the Government of India to take immediate steps to constitute the aforesaid areas into a separate region with Hindi as its regional language and with all the rights and privileges proposed for the other two regions in the new State of Punjab."

on the grounds that the matter referred to therein:—

(i) was not primarily the concern of the State Government : and

(ii) had already been discussed in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha less than six months ago.

Twenty members including Ram Chandra, made their observations on the point of order.

The Speaker, while giving his *ruling upheld the objection raised by the Minister for Finance. The Resolution was declared out of order as the matter contained therein was substantially the same as that which was raised or could have been raised in the discussion on the States Reorganisation Bill which took place less than six months ago.

RESOLUTION MOVED ON THE 23RD AUGUST, 1956 BY SHRI MOHAN LAL DATTA

" This Assembly recommends to the Government to take steps to confer proprietary rights on occupancy tenants of evacuee lands who have been granted permanent occupancy rights in respect of such lands in the manner provided in the Punjab Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) (Amendment) Act, of 1955 in respect of other lands";

*See pages 69—70 *infra*.

who while moving the resolution, spoke for 2 minutes.

One amendment was moved to the resolution by two members of Opposition.

Five members from the Opposition and six from the Treasury Benches took part in the discussion speaking for 50 minutes and 43 minutes, respectively.

The Minister for Revenue, Education and Rehabilitation by way of reply spoke for 19 minutes.

The amendment was put and lost.

The Resolution was put and carried.

RESOLUTION MOVED BY PANDIT SHRI RAM SHARMA

"This Assembly recommends to the Government to put a stop to the method of raising Government Loans and Subscriptions through Government Servants";

who, while moving it spoke for 20 minutes when the House adjourned.

## TIME TABLE FOR BUSINESS ON THE 27TH AND 28TH AUGUST, 1956

The Business Advisory Committee recommended that the time for the business at the sittings to be held on the 27th and 28th August, 1956, should be allocated in the following manner which was approved by the Sabha on the 23rd August, 1956:—

27th August, 1956.

| | |
|---|---|
| (1) Discussion and passing of Excess Demands | First 1½ hours. |
| (2) Discussion and passing of Supplementary Estimates .. | The rest of the time. |

28th August, 1956

| | |
|---|---|
| (1) Discussion and passing of Appropriation Bill (Excess Demands) .. | First 1½ hours. |
| (2) Discussion and passing of Appropriation Bill (Supplementary Estimates) .. | The rest of the time. |

The Committee also recommended that the Question Hour at both these sittings be dispensed with

# PAPERS PRESENTED TO/LAID BEFORE THE SABHA

The following papers were presented to/laid before the Sabha—

| Serial No. | By whom presented/ laid | Date on which presented/ laid | Subject |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Secretary .. | 20th August, 1956 | Statement showing the Bills passed by the Punjab State Legislature during its 12th Session (Budget Session), 1956, and assented to by the Governor/President. |
| 2 | Chief Minister .. | Ditto | Ordinances Nos. 1—4 of 1956. |
| 3 | Ditto | Ditto | Third Annual Report and Accounts of the Punjab Financial Corporation for the year ended 31st March, 1956. |
| 4 | Ditto | Ditto | Amendment made in the Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Rules, 1954, as required under Section 22 (3) of the Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Act, 1953. |
| 5 | Ditto | Ditto | Amendment made in the Chandigarh (Sale of Sites) Rules, 1952, as required under Section 22 (3) of the Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) Act, 1952. |
| 6 | Ditto | Ditto | The Punjab Entertainments Duty Rules, 1956, as required under Section 20 (3) of the Punjab Entertainments Duty Act, 1955. |
| 7 | Ditto | Ditto | Additions made by the Governor to Schedule 'A' referred to in regulation 3 (b) of the Punjab Public Service Commission (Limitation of Functions) Regulations, 1955, as required by clause (5) of Article 320 of the Constitution. |
| 8 | Finance Minister .. | Ditto | Excess Demands for the year 1951-52. |
| 9 | Revenue, Education and Rehabilitation Minister | 21st August, 1956 | Third Preliminary Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Punjab State Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill, 1953. |
| 10 | Speaker .. | 23rd August, 1956 | Report of the Business Advisory Committee. |
| 11 | Finance Minister .. | 24th August, 1956 | Supplementary Estimates (1st Instalment) 1956-57. |
| 12 | Member, Estimates Committee | Ditto | Report of the Committee on Estimates on the Supplementary Estimates (1st Instalment), 1956-57. |
| 13 | Irrigation and Power Minister | 27th August, 1956 | Amendment made in the Punjab Motor Vehicles Rules, 1940, as required under section 133(3) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939. |
| 14 | Secretary .. | 28th August, 1956 | The Punjab Municipal (Tax Validating) Bill, 1956. |
| 15 | Ditto | 3rd September, 1956 | The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1956. |

| Serial No. | By whom presented/laid | Date on which presented/laid | Subject |
|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | Public Works Minister | 3rd September, 1956 | Notification fixing the revised rates of entertainments duty in the State as required under Section 3 (4) of the Punjab Entertainments Duty Act 1955. |
| 17 | Secretary .. | 3rd October, 1956 | A copy of the motion passed by the Punjab Legislative Council at its meeting held on the 4th September, 1956, regarding the proposed amendment in the Chandigarh (Sale of Sites) Rules, 1952. |
| 18 | Ditto | Ditto | Statement showing the Bills which were passed by the Punjab State Legislature during the current Session and assented to by the Governor. |
| 19 | Chief Minister .. | Ditto | The Constitution (Seventh Amendment) Bill, 1956. |
| 20 | Ditto | Ditto | The Punjab Co-operative Societies Rules, 1956, as required under section 60 (4) of the Punjab Co-operative Societies Act, 1954. |
| 21 | Secretary .. | 5th October, 1956 | Statement showing the Bills which were passed by the Punjab State Legislature during the current Session and assented to by the Governor/President. |
| 22 | Chief Minister .. | Ditto | Amendment made by the Governor in the Punjab Public Service Commission (Limitation of Functions) Regulations, 1955, as required by clause (5) of Article 320 of the Constitution. |
| 23 | Secretary .. | Ditto | The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956. |

# ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Notices of five adjournment motions as stated below were received —

| Serial No. | Member/Members giving notice | Date | Subject matter | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | S. Sarup Singh .. | 20th August, 1956 | Regarding alleged failure of the Government to provide effective drainage system in the districts of Amritsar and Gurdaspur resulting in loss of crops, damage to property, mental anguish and physical injury to a vast number of inhabitants of these districts. | Motion held in order but leave to move it was refused by the Sabha. |
| 2 | S. Achhar Singh Chhina<br>S. Chanan Singh Dhut | Ditto | Regarding situation arising out of recent floods in the districts of Amritsar, Gurdaspur and Hoshiarpur resulting in the huge damage of property and crops. | Not considered on the ground that its subject matter was covered by that of the Adjournment Motion at No. 1. |
| 3 | S. Achhar Singh Chhina<br>S. Chanan Singh Dhut<br>Shri Wadhawa Ram | Ditto | Regarding alleged failure of the Agriculture Department to protect the cotton crop from large scale destruction by 'Tela' disease and water logging. | Held out of order on the ground that waterlogging was a continuous phenomenon. Moreover 'Tela' disease of a crop could not form the subject matter of an Adjournment Motion. |
| 4 | S. Achhar Singh Chhina<br>S. Harkishan Singh Surjit | 27th August, 1956 | Regarding situation arising out of recent floods in the districts of Gurdaspur and Amritsar resulting in the huge damage to property and crops. | Held out of order on the ground that the Adjournment Motion was on the same subject as had already been dealt with during the Session. |
| 5 | S. Harkishan Singh Surjit | 3rd October, 1956 | Regarding the situation arising out of the continued hunger strike by two representatives of the Board Teachers Udai Singh M.L.C. and Gurcharan Singh, M. L. C. resulting in great unrest among the teaching community of the State. | Ruled out of order on the ground that the matter was the concern of the Local Bodies and that the hunger strikers being members of the Legislature could raise the matter in the Legislature. |

## OTHER MOTIONS

| Serial No. | Minister/Member moving | Moved on | Discussed on | Subject matter | Decision |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Chief Minister | 21st August, 1956 | 21st August, 1956 | Ratification of the amendments of the Seventh Schedule, Article 269 and Article 286 of the Constitution of India, proposed to be made by the Constitution (Sixth Amendment) Bill, 1956, as passed by the Houses of Parliament. | Carried |
| 2 | Shri Devi Lal | 23rd August, 1956 | 23rd August 1956 | That this House agrees with the allocation of time proposed by the Business Advisory Committee in regard to the business before the house on the 27th and 28th August 1956. | Do. |
| 3 | Shrimati Sita Devi | 24th August, 1956 | 24th August, 1956 | Extension of time till the 30th November, 1956, for the presentation of the final Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Punjab State Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill, 1953 | Do. |
| 4 | Irrigation and Power Minister | 28th August, 1956 | 28th August, 1956 | Adjournment of the Sabha *till* the 3rd September, 1956. | Do. |
| 5 | S. Harkishan Singh Surjit | 4th September, 1956 | 4th September, 1956 | Repeal of the order of the Governor relating to the additions to Schedule 'A' referred to in regulation (3) (b) of the Punjab Public Service Commission (Limitation of Functions) Regulations. | Lost |
| 6 | Public Works Minister | Ditto | Ditto | Confirmation of the Punjab Entertainments Duty Rules, 1956. | Carried |
| 7 | Chief Minister | 5th September, 1956 | 5th September, 1956 | Adjournment of the Sabha *sine die*. | Do. |

| Serial No. | Minister/Member moving | Moved on | Discussed on | Subject matter | Decision |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | Chief Minister | 3rd October, 1956 | 3rd October, 1956 | Suspension of rule 30 and transaction of Government business on the 4th October, 1956. | Carried |
| 9 | Ditto | Ditto | Ditto | Ratification of the amendments proposed to be made to the Constitution of India by the Constitution (Seventh Amendment) Bill, 1956, as passed by the Houses of Parliament. | Do. |
| 10 | Ditto | 4th October, 1956 | 4th October, 1956 | Extension of time up to 30th March, 1957, for submitting its final report by the Joint Select Committee on the Punjab Hindu Dharam Asthan Bill, 1952. (Originated in the Legislative Council) | Do. |
| 11 | Ditto | 5th October, 1956 | 5th October, 1956 | Adjournment of the Sabha *sine die.* | Do. |

## REFERENCE

Reference to the death of the late Dr. H. C. Mukerjee, Governor of West Bengal, was made on the 20th August, 1956, by the Leader of the House. The Speaker associated himself with the sentiments expressed. All the Members stood in silence for 2 minutes as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

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## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of absence was granted by the Sabha to Shri D. D. Puri, M.L.A., on the 20th August, 1956.

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## STATEMENTS

The Chief Minister and the Speaker made farewell speeches on the 5th October, 1956, when the last (13th) Session of the Vidhan Sabha concluded

# STATEMENT 1

## QUESTIONS

**13th Session (meetings held in August, September and October, 1956.)**

| Nature of Questions | Number of Notices received | Number admitted | Number disallowed | Number not put and postponed | Number answered | Number deemed to have been answered under Rule 45 | Number of Supplementaries put | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Starred .. | 542<br>(Renewed) 13<br>555 | 401 (including 13 renewed) | 154 | 13 | 254 { Treasury 232<br>Opposition 22 | 93 { Treasury 83<br>Opposition 10 | 552 | 41 admitted Starred Questions could not be included in any list of Questions. |
| Unstarred .. | 68 | 47 | 21 | .. | 35 { Treasury 20<br>Opposition 15 | .. | .. | 12 admitted Unstarred Questions could not be included in any list of Questions. |
| Short Notice | 5 | 5 | .. | .. | 3 { Treasury 3<br>Opposition .. | .. | .. | The Ministers concerned did not give their consent to reply two questions as short notice ones. |

## STATEMENT II

**Statement showing the number of Starred Questions Answered date-wise**

| Date | | Treasury | Opposition | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20th August, 1956 | .. | 17 | 3 | 20 |
| 21st August, 1956 | .. | 14 | 3 | 17 |
| 22nd August, 1956 | .. | 13 | 3 | 16 |
| 23rd August, 1956 | .. | 21 | 3 | 24 |
| 24th August, 1956 | .. | 18 | 1 | 19 |
| 3rd September, 1956 | .. | 49 | .. | 49 |
| 4th September, 1956 | .. | 39 | 1 | 40 |
| 5th September, 1956 | .. | 83 | 10 | 93 (Deemed to have been answered under Rule 45 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly). |
| 3rd October, 1956 | .. | 28 | 5 | 33 Ditto |
| 4th October, 1956 | .. | 18 | 3 | 21 Ditto |
| 5th October, 1956 | .. | 15 | .. | 15 Ditto |
| Total | .. | 315 | 32 | 347 |

# STATEMENT III

**Statement showing the number of the Starred Questions in the names of different Ministers date-wise.**

| Date | Chief Minister | Minister for Irrigation and Power | Minister for Revenue, Education and Rehabilitation | Minister for Finance | Minister for Public Works | Minister for Agriculture and Panchayats | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20th August, 1956 .. | 9 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 20 |
| 21st August, 1956 .. | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 | .. | 18 |
| 22nd August, 1956 .. | 7 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | .. | 16 |
| 23rd August, 1956 .. | 10 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 24 |
| 24th August, 1956 .. | 11 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | .. | 19 |
| 27th August, 1956 .. | 16 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 33 |
| 28th August, 1956 .. | 5 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 24 |
| 31st August, 1956 .. | 10 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 28 |
| 3rd September, 1956 .. | 16 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 40 |
| 4th September, 1956 .. | 6 | 6 | 14 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 32 |
| 5th September, 1956 .. | 10 | 4 | 12 | 1 | .. | 1 | 28 |
| 3rd October, 1956 .. | 18 | 7 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 40 |
| 4th October, 1956 .. | 10 | 4 | 1 | .. | 2 | 4 | 21 |
| 5th October, 1956 .. | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | .. | 4 | 17 |
| Total .. | 136 | 53 | 90 | 26 | 32 | 23 | 360 |

The Question Hour was dispensed with on the 27th August, 28th August and 5th September, 1956. The Sabha did not meet on 31st August, 1956. Questions printed in the lists for 27th and 28th and 31st August, 1956 were taken up on the 3rd September, 1956 along with the list for that day. Questions left over from the list of Questions for 4th September, 1956, along with the list of Questions for 5th September, 1956, were, under orders of the Speaker on 5th September, 1956, deemed to have been answered under Rule 45 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly.

## STATEMENT NO. IV

**Detailed Statement of Starred, Unstarred and Short Notice Questions in the name of each Minister Date-wise and Department-wise and Answered during the August-September-October Sessions, 1956**

### CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of Questions | General Administration Department | Transport Department | Community Project Department | Home Department | Local Government Department | Anti-Corruption Department | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20th August, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | .. | | .. | .. | 9 | 9 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

### MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20th August, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

MINISTER FOR REVENUE, EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Consolidation of Holdings | Education Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20th August, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 2 | | | | | | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

MINISTER FOR FINANCE

| Date | Nature of questions | Finance | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20th August, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B&R) | | | | | | | Number of questions Post-poned | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0th August, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND PANCHAYATS

| Date | Nature of questions | Agricul-ture De-partment | | | | | | | Number of questions post-poned | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20th August, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | 1 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration Department | Community Project Department | Home Department | Local Government Department | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21st August, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | .. | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21st August, 1956 | Starred .. | 5 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 5 | 5 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE, EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Education Department | Revenue Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21st August, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR FINANCE

| Date | Nature of questions | Jail Department | Industries Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 st August, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 2 | | | | | | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B.&R.) | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21st August, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration Department | Transport Department | Community Project Department | Home Department | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22nd August, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | | | .. | .. | 7 | 7 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Depart-ment | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22nd August, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE, EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Depart-ment | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22nd August, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notices.. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR FINANCE

| Date | Nature of questions | Labour Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22nd August, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B.&R.) | Excise and Taxation Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22nd August, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration Department | Transport Department | Home Department | Local Govt. Department | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23rd August, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | | | | .. | .. | 10 | 10 |
| | Unstarred .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23rd August, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE, EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Consolidation of Holdings | Education Department | Revenue Department | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23rd August, 1956 | Starred .. | .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | 3 | .. | 3 | .. | | | | .. | .. | 6 | 6 |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR FINANCE

| Date | Nature of questions | Jail Department | Industries Department | Labour Department | Civil Supplies Department | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23rd August, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | .. | .. | 5 | 5 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B. &. R.) | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23rd August, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND PANCHAYATS

| Date | Nature of questions | Pan-chayats Depart-ment | | Agri-culture Depart-ment | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23rd August, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | | 1 | | | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration Department | Transport Department | Home Department | Local Government Department | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24th August, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | | | .. | .. | 11 | 11 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24th August, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE, EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Education Department | Revenue Department | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24th August, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 3 | 1 | | | | .. | .. | 5 | 5 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR FINANCE

| Date | Nature of questions | Industries Department | Civil Supplies Department | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24th August, 1956 | Starred .. | .. | 1 | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | 1 | .. | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B. & R.) | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24th August, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration Department | Transport Department | Community Project Department | Home Department | Local Government Department | Anti-corruption Department | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd September, 1956 | Starred .. | 8 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 | | .. | 1 (Genl. Adm.) | 21 | 20 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AN D P O

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | Co-operative Department | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd September, 1956 | Starred .. | 6 | .. | 1 | | | .. | .. | 7 | 7 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | 1 | .. | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | 1 | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE, EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Education Department | Revenue Department | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | Health Department | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd September, 1956 | Starred .. | 6 | 5 | 1 | 2 | | | .. | .. | 14 | 14 |
| | Unstarred .. | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Short Notice | .. | 1 | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |

## MINISTER FOR FINANCE

| Date | Nature of questions | Industries Department | Civil Supplies Department | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd September, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | | | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

| Date | Nature of questions | Capital Project | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd September, 1956 | Starred .. | 4 | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND PANCHAYATS

| Date | Nature of questions | Panchayats Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd September, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | | | | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Unstarred .. | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Transport Department | Home Department | Local Government Department | Anti-Corruption Department | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th September, 1956 | Starred .. | 10 | 1 | 5 | 1 | .. | | .. | .. | 17 | 17 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | 1 | .. | | .. | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th September, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE, EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Education Department | Revenue Department | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | Health Department | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th September, 1956 | Starred .. | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 (Health Department) | 9 | 8 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR FINANCE

| Date | Nature of questions | Industries Department | Labour Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 th September, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

| Date | Nature of questions | P. W. D. (B & R) | Excise and Taxation Department | Capital Project | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th September, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | | .. | 1 P. W. D. (B & R) | 6 | 5 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND PANCHAYATS

| Date | Nature of questions | Panchayats Department | Agriculture Department | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th September, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 4 | | | | | .. | .. | 5 | 5 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration Department | Transport Department | Community Project Department | Home Department | Local Government Department | Anti-Corruption Department | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions deemed to have been answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th September, 1956 | Starred .. | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 2 | .. | .. | 25 | 25 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | Co-operative Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions deemed to have been answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th September, 1956 | Starred .. | 12 | 3 | | | | | | .. | .. | 15 | 15 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

MINISTER FOR REVENUE, EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Consolidation of Holdings | Education Department | Revenue Department | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | Health Department | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions deemed to have been answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th September, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 13 | 12 | 3 | 4 | | | .. | .. | 35 | 35 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

MINISTER FOR FINANCE

| Date | Nature of questions | Industries Department | | Civil Supplies Department | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions deemed to have been answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th September, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | | 3 | | | | | .. | .. | 6 | 6 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D., (Buildings and Roads) | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions deemed to have been answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th September, 1956 | Starred .. | 8 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 8 | 8 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND PANCHAYATS

| Date | Nature of questions | Panchayats Department | Agriculture Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions deemed to have been answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th September, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 3 | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Transport Department | Community Project Department | Home Department | Local Government Department | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd October, 1956 | Starred .. | 5 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | | | 1 (General Administration) | 2 (General Administration) 1 (Community Project) | 18 | 14 |
| | Unstarred .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | Electricity Department | Health and Local Government Department (Housing) | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd December, 1956 | Starred .. | 4 | 3 | .. | | | | | .. | .. | 7 | 7 |
| | Unstarred .. | 6 | 1 | 1 | | | | | .. | .. | 8 | 8 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## REVENUE, EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | Education Department | Consolidation of Holdings | Health Department | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 rd October, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | | .. | 2 (Revenue Department) 1(Consolidation of Holdings) | 11 | 8 |
| | Unstarred .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Short Notice.. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR FINANCE

| Date | Nature of questions | Labour Department | Food and Supplies Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd October, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B.&R.) | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd October, 1956 | Starred | 2 | | | | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND PANCHAYATS

| Date | Nature of questions | Panchayats Department | Agriculture Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd October, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | 2 | | | | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Administration | Language Department | Home Department | Transport Department | Community Project | Local Government Department | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th October, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | .. | .. | 10 | 10 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Depart-ment | Co-operative Depart-ment | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th October, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR REVENUE, EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Depart-ment | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th October, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D. (B & R.) | Printing and Stationery | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th October, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND PANCHAYATS

| Date | Nature of questions | Panchayats Department | Agriculture Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4th October, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 2 | | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Adminis-tration | Local Govern-ment Depart-ment | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 th October, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | 1 | | | | | .. | 1 (General (Adminis-tration) | 3 | 2 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Depart-ment | Electricity Depart-ment | Health and Local Govern-ment (Housing) | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| th October, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

MINISTER FOR REVENUE, EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Depart-ment | Education Depart-ment | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th October, 1956 | Starred .. | 3 | 1 | | | | | | .. | 1 (Education Department) | 5 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

MINISTER FOR FINANCE

| Date | Nature of questions | Finance Depart-ment | | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th October, 1956 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND PANCHAYATS

| Date | Nature of questions | Panchayats Department | Agriculture Department | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5th October, 1956 | Starred .. | 2 | 2 | | | | | .. | .. | 4 | 4 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## STATEMENT V

### SALIENT FIGURES RELATING TO QUESTIONS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Total number of sittings of Sabha | .. | 13 |
| 2. | Number of Questions (Starred and Unstarred) received | .. | 623 |
| 3. | Number of Short Notice Questions received | .. | 5 |
| 4. | Number of sittings at which the Question Hour was dispensed with | .. | 3 |
| 5. | Number of members from whom notices were received | .. | 41 |
| 6. | Total number of Questions to which oral answers were given | | 254 |
| 7. | Largest number of questions orally answered on any one day | | 49 |
| 8. | Least number of questions orally answered on any one day | .. | 15 |
| 9. | Total number of unstarred questions replied to | .. | 35 |
| 10. | Largest number of questions addressed to any one Minister (Chief Minister) | .. | 136 |
| 11. | Largest number of questions orally answered by any one Minister (Chief Minister) | .. | 104 |
| 12. | Total number of statements, in replies to Questions, circulated among members | .. | 63 |

**Statement showing the kind and quantity of translation work done during the 13th (August-September-October) Session, 1956**

| | | *Hindi* | *Punjabi* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Starred questions translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 414 | 414 |
| 2. | Unstarred questions translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 47 | 47 |
| 3. | Short notice questions and resolutions translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 8 | 8 |
| 4. | Bills (as introduced) translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 34 | 34 |
| 5. | Lists of Business translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 18 | 18 |
| 6. | Circular letters and notices translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 25 | 25 |
| 7. | Cut motions translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 29 | 29 |
| 8. | Questions translated from Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu into English .. | 110 | .. |
| 9. | Letters and Resolutions translated from Hindi and Punjabi into English .. | 6 | .. |

## WALK-OUTS

**No walk-out took place during the Session.**

# DIVISIONS

| Serial No. | Date on which claimed | Recorded/ Not recorded | Occasion | Result |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 20th August, 1956 | Not recorded | On an amendment to clause 6 of the Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill | Motion declared lost |
| 2 | 20th August, 1956 | Not recorded | On a motion that the Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill be passed | Motion declared carried |
| 3 | 21st August, 1956 | Recorded (Ayes : 52 Noes : 8) | On a motion that the Punjab Betterment Charges and Acreage Rates (Amendment) Bill be taken into consideration | Motion declared carried |
| 4 | 22nd August, 1956 | Recorded (Ayes : 55 Noes : 10) | On a closure motion .. | Motion as to closure declared carried |
| 5 | 24th August, 1956 | Not recorded | On an amendment to clause 29 of the Punjab Bhudan Yagna Bill | Motion declared lost |
| 6 | 3rd September, 1956 | Recorded (Ayes : 8 Noes : 59) | On an amendment to clause 5 of the Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab, Bill. | Motion declared lost |
| 7 | 5th October, 1956 | Not recorded | On an amendment to clause 3 of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill | Amendment declared lost |

**Ruling by the Speaker on 23rd August, 1956, regarding the admissibility of a Resolution.**

A number of objections have been raised on this resolution which appears to be innocent. I had admitted it under the impression that there was nothing in it which would hamper its discussion. But a number of complications involved in this resolution have been brought to my notice by the hon. Members. The first point is whether or not any point of order can be raised before the resolution is moved. In this connection there is a precedent set up by this House. When Pandit Shri Ram Sharma sought to move his resolution regarding backward regions, objections were taken that it contravened the provisions of the Constitution. At that time, I had stated that ruling would be given after consulting the Legal Remembrancer and the Advocate-General on the subject. That percedent is there.

Besides this, three kinds of objections, namely, constitutional, procedural and factual have been raised on this resolution. So many objections and points of order have been raised that it has become very difficult for me to give any decision in this matter off-hand. You will agree with me that in such an important matter involving constitutional, factual and procedural implications it is not easy to give an off-hand decision. I, therefore, reserve my ruling and as I did on the previous occasion, I postpone the decision at present.

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I may be excused for taking some time out of this discussion. I did not like that the first resolution be postponed to some other date and I, therefore, at once went to my Chamber to obtain legal opinion in this connection. Comrade Ram Chandra and the Legal Remembrancer were both present there. The Secretary of the Sabha was also called in. Comrade Ram Chandra was convinced with the arguments advanced. I had asked him that he should put his case before the Legal Remembrancer and whatever opinion he gave, would be placed before the House. His opinion is that this matter raises, within six months, substantially the same points which were discussed by us in connection with the consideration of the States Reorganisation Bill. He was further of the opinion that it covered all those points which were raised or could have been raised at that time. Besides, in the fourth schedule of that Bill, this House had vested all powers in regard to the formation of regional committees in the President of India. At that time the point regarding the number of regional committees whether it should be one, two or three, was never raised. The decision regarding this was entirely left to the President of India. The hon. Members can very well see whether this matter is substantially the same or not. Now this is what the Legal Remembrancer has stated :—

> "This matter is substantially the same which was raised or which could have been raised........"

If the hon. Members carefully go through the last line of this resolution, they will find that he has demanded two things for the district of Kangra. They can express their opinion after studying it, "whether they are substantially the same which were raised or could have been raised".

In the resolution it is given—

"..........this Assembly recommends to the Government to approach the Government of India to take immediate steps to constitute the aforesaid areas into a separate region with Hindi as its regional language.........."

Regions on the basis of language have been created in that Bill, whereas in the resolution another region is sought to be constituted with Hindi as its regional language. These things have been demanded for the regions thus formed, that is, "all the rights and privileges proposed for the other two regions in the new State of Punjab".

The legal opinion is as follows :—

"This is substantially the same matter which was raised or which could have been raised in the discussion on the Draft States Reorganisation Bill by the hon. Members by way of an amendment or amendments. This House actually discussed the question now sought to be raised. Those Members who did not discuss it could have discussed it within the scope of that Bill. The decision about it is already given in the Fourth Schedule of that Bill, which this House unanimously approved."

In view of the legal advice given by the Legal Remembrancer and, also, in view of the expression of agreement by the mover of the Resolution with the finding of the Legal Remembrancer in the meeting in which this matter was discussed, I rule the Resolution out of order. (*See* page 23 *ante*)

## OBSERVATIONS/STATEMENTS MADE BY THE SPEAKER

| Serial No. | Date | Subject matter |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 22nd August, 1956 .. | Regarding giving of Hindi version of the answers to questions by the Ministers. (*See* page 72 *infra*) |
| 2 | 23rd August, 1956 .. | Regarding introduction of official Bills on a non-official day. |
| 3 | 5th October, 1956 .. | Farewell speech (*See* pages 73-74 *infra*) |

**Observations made by the Speaker on 22nd August, 1956, regarding giving of Hindi version of the answers to questions.**

Those hon. Members who wish to have Hindi version of the reply, should express their desire just when the Minister concerned starts giving reply to a question. At first they keep listening to the reply in English and after that very quietly ask for the Hindi version. They should signify their desire in the beginning, otherwise much time of the House will be wasted. (*See* page 71 *ante*).

**Observations made by the Speaker on 23rd August, 1956, regarding introduction of official bills on a non-official day.**

These (bills) have been placed on the Agenda with my permission and for future this would serve as a convention that official bills can be introduced on a non-official day. ( *See* page 71......*ante* )

## FAREWELL SPEECH BY THE SPEAKER ON 5TH OCTOBER, 1956.

Hon. Members, I fully associate myself with the views expressed by our Chief Minister. I also associate myself with what he has said in regard to the greater Punjab that will come into being. To-day which is the last meeting of the Session, I felt that the hon. Chief Minister and I should express our thanks to you. The period of five years is by no means a short period and during these years many a time ups and downs came in the democratic life of this State. I can say with pride that the co-operation, consideration and affection evinced by the Treasury as well as the Opposition Benches for the Chair—for my predecessor the late Dr. Satyapal and myself—is commendable and for that I express to all my heartiest thanks. But above all, it is most gratifying to note that there have been very few occasions for which we can have any regrets. It is possible that at times certain undesirable things might have happened in individual cases but, on the whole, I think this House has been second to none in upholding the democratic ideals and its privileges and maintaining a high standard of decorum of the Legislature (Cheers). The credit for all this may go to whatever party, whether the Treasury Benches, the Opposition, the Independents or any other party in this House, the fact remains, that it has been due to the co-operation of all. I take this opportunity to state that so far as the Secretariat of this Legislature and the Government of this State are concerned, Shri Bhim Sen Sachar and the present Chief Minister made the fullest endeavour to raise the status of the Members and the dignity of the House. The present Chief Minister has been so keen for this that he has always fully co-operated with me in maintaining the dignity of this House and establishing the independence of my Secretariat. It will be no exaggeration to say that this was his own responsibility which he has discharged in the most commendable manner. Some matters, for instance, matters relating to the Allowances of the Members, their dignity and their privileges had been pending for some time but these were settled by the Chief Minister in the meeting of the Cabinet in a few hours. This is the spirit evinced by him that has been responsible for raising the dignity of the House.

Then the business of the House is to be judged mainly from two aspects. Firstly, how far it has been able to uphold and establish democratic ideals and traditions. Secondly, how far it has served the people of the State. The Constitution based on a democratic form of Government has been of great use to us. The Chief Minister has also made a mention about it before you. I would like to place before you the details of business transacted by this House during the last 5 years, which is as follows :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of Addresses delivered by the Governor | .. | 5 |
| Number of sittings of Assembly | .. | 201 |
| Number of Legislative measures passed | .. | 212 |
| Number of Budgets presented | .. | 5 |
| Number of Supplementary Budgets | .. | 12 |
| Number of questions of which notices were received | .. | 10,998 |
| Number of questions which were admitted | .. | 8,018 |
| Number of resolutions received | .. | 1,740 |
| Number of resolutions discussed | .. | 23 |
| Notices of Adjournment Motions received | .. | 88 |
| Total number of meetings of the Committees | .. | 257 |

This shows how glorious the record of this Assembly is. Besides this, in order to raise the prestige and the status of the Secretariat of this Legislative Assembly, a good tradition has been established concerning the relationship of the Government with this Secretariat. Its status has been raised to class I and the Speaker will have complete independence in carrying on its internal administration. If the Speaker has to approach the Government again and again in connection with administrative matters and depend upon it then the Legislature Secretariat cannot function independently. The Government has accepted in principle the independence of this Secretariat. (*cheers*). This is a good tradition. So far as the Secretary is concerned, he has also been given the status of a Secretary to Government. The number of Committees of the Legislature has gone up three times. There has been a consequent increase in the work of the Secretariat also. Three or four more branches have been set up. I feel proud to say that whenever I approached the hon. Chief Minister or the Finance Minister in connection with any administrative matter pertaining to my Secretariat or the hon. Members, they gave me full co-operation without any hesitation or delay for which I, once again, thank them.

The Speaker's job is a thankless job. Sometimes he has to adopt an attitude much against his own temperament. During the course of a speech, I was asked to differentiate between the Speaker and a Minister. I said, "Speaker within the House is the Speaker while a Minister within the House an M.L.A. Outside the House, the Speaker is an M.L.A. but the Minister is remains a Minister" (*laughter*). This is exactly the position of the Speaker. So far as this job goes, outside the House the Speaker is not in a position to please anybody and inside the House he has to be strict. There is a definite and set procedure for the conduct of business in the Assembly and he has to see that the Members remain within its frame-work. If an hon. Member speaks without preparation and violates the Procedure, and is consequently pulled up, he naturally takes it ill. But such is the nature of the Speaker's job. I hope you have taken it in that spirit. Despite all this, my personal relations with the hon. Members are at a high level of cordiality and are full of affectionate feelings. The whole credit and satisfaction for all this goes to the Leader of the Opposition groups, Sardar Gopal Singh Khalsa, my revered friend Sehgal Sahib, my hon. friends Sardar Achhar Singh Chhina, Sardar Chanan Singh Dhut and Surjit Sahib. From the Treasury Benches also which are occupied by, among others, very respected and senior Members, the Chair has always been getting full co-operation. I, therefore, sincerely thank you all.

We are now entering a new era. The new Assembly will consist of 186 Members. Yesterday I met a Pepsu M.L.A. who was a military man. He asked me in the military parlance, how much our strength ("Nafri") would go up after they had joined us (*laughter*). I told him that our strength would be raised to 186. What I want to point out is that whereas our strength is increasing, our responsibilities are also becoming heavier. We are leaving behind the era of feudalism and are entering a new stage towards the unity of the country. You will now have among you brethren who entered the democratic set up long after you. It is, therefore, possible that there may be some difference in your out-look and their's. But we should give proof of our responsibility when they join us, so that, on their very first contact with us they may feel that they have entered a better and a wider atmosphere and that our relations with them, under the new set up, will be warm. Neither we nor they should ever have any such feeling that we are alien to each other or that they belong to one side and we to the other.

Along with this, I would like to thank my colleague, the Deputy Speaker. He has worked most conscientiously and diligently in this House as also in the Committees of the House such as the House Committee, etc. I appreciate his work. I am grateful to him. He has been discharging his responsibilties much beyond my expectations. He has always maintained the dignity of the House. I, once again, thank you all and hope that you will maintain these good traditions in the new Punjab also. (*See* page 71 *ante*)

# POINTS OF ORDER AND DECISIONS THEREON

1. Whether legal opinion could be sought through a supplementary Question ?

It was held that this was not permissible under the Rules.

2. Whether a motion involving official business could be brought before the House on a day meant for non-official business.

It was held that a motion, whether official or non-official, of a formal nature could be brought, with the permission of the Chair.

[On 23rd August, 1956, which was a non-official day, when the hon. Minister for Revenue, Education and Rehabilitation asked for leave to introduce the Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, Members of the Opposition took objection to official business being transacted on that day.]

3. Whether a motion for leave to introduce a Bill could be opposed.

It was held that this could be opposed, but this could be done only at the time when such a motion was moved.

[When the hon. Minister for Revenue, Education and Rehabilitation had introduced the Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, Sardar Chanan Singh Dhut enquired if this could be opposed at this stage.]

4. Whether objection can be raised to the moving of a Resolution already admitted by the Speaker.

It was held that before a motion included in the Agenda was moved, an objection on legal or technical or other grounds could be raised against its admissibility and that a precedent existed to that effect.

(On 23rd August, 1956 Pandit Shri Ram Sharma pointed out that no objection could be raised against the admissibility of Comrade Ram Chandra's Resolution which had been admitted by the Speaker and included in the Agenda.)

5. Whether a Minister could guide the Chair that a certain matter was in order or otherwise ?

It was held that he could point out to the Chair that such and such thing was not relevant to the subject under discussion.

(On 27th August, 1956, during the speech of an hon. Member, the Finance Minister pointed out that what the hon. Member had been saying was out of order. At this Shri Prabodh Chandra enquired from the Chair whether the Finance Minister could guide the Chair.)

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# RESUME

OF

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# PREFACE

The following pages contain factual information, in a consolidated form, about the business transacted in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha during its 2nd Session, after the merger of Punjab and Pepsu, commencing from the 18th March, 1956.

Suggestions by Members for the improvement of this publication in future would be very greatly appreciated.

CHANDIGARH :
The 14th April, 1957.

KULDIP CHAND BEDI,
SECRETARY.

## PROGRAMME OBSERVED BY THE PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA DURING ITS 2ND SESSION HELD FROM THE 18TH MARCH TO THE 21ST MARCH, 1957.

| Date | Programme observed |
|---|---|
| 18th March, 1957. .. | Governor's Address to the Members of both the Houses assembled together. |
| 19th March, 1957. .. | (i) (Obituary) References to the deaths of late—<br>1. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar,<br>2. Shri R.S. Shukla,<br>3. Shri B.G. Kher,<br>4. Shri P.S. Kumaraswami Raja, and<br>5. Shri Shyamnandan Sahay.<br>(ii) Presentation of Annual Financial Statement for the year 1957-58 and Demands for Grants on Account—Ist April to 30th June, 1957.<br>(iii) Discussion on the Governor's address. |
| 20th March, 1957. .. | Discussion and Voting of the Demands for Grants on Account for April to June, 1957. |
| 21st March, 1957. .. | 1. Official Resolution—<br>"That in view of the increase in the area and population, in the number of graduates, teachers and local bodies in the State of Punjab and in the number of Members of the Punjab Legislative Assembly, as a result of the reorganisation of the State, this Assembly is of the opinion that the strength of the Punjab Legislative Council should be increased to 51 which is 1/3rd of the total number of Members of the Punjab Legislative Assembly and, therefore, it recommends to the Government to take necessary steps to bring about the said increase in the strength of the Punjab Legislative Council."<br>2. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 1957.<br>3. The Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1957.<br>4. The Punjab Laws (Extension No. I) Bill, 1957.<br>5. The Punjab Consolidation of Land Proceedings (Validation) Bill, 1957.<br>6. The Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1957.<br>7. The Punjab General Sales Tax (Extension) Bill, 1957.<br>8. Farewell speeches by the Speaker and the Chief Minister. |

## SUMMONS AND SITTINGS

The First Session of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, after the reorganisation, having been prorogued by an order of the Governor dated the 23rd November, 1956, the Sabha was summoned to meet for its Second Session on the 18th March, 1957, by an order dated the 12th February, 1957, and continued to meet till the 21st March, 1957, when it adjourned *sine die*, having held three sittings, in addition to the one on the 18th March which, along with the Legislative Council, was addressed by the Governor.

The Session was prorogued by an order dated the 27th March ; and the Sabha was dissolved with effect from the afternoon of the 31st March, 1957, by an order of the same date.

## PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

On the 19th March, 1957, the Speaker nominated the following on the Panel of Chairmen under Rule 13 (1) :—

(1) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan,

(2) Sardar Ajmer Singh,

(3) Shri Hans Raj Sharma,

(4) Chaudhri Lahri Singh.

## GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

The Governor addressed Members of both the Houses assembled together on Monday the 18th March, 1957, at 11-00 A.M.

The Speaker laid a copy of the Governor's Address before the Sabha on the 19th March, 1957.

The Motion of Thanks on the Address was moved, seconded and discussed on the 19th March, 1957.

Thirteen Members took part in the discussion, 2 from the Opposition and 11 from the Treasury Benches including the Chief Minister, speaking for 45 and 176 minutes, respectively.

Four amendments, one by the Opposition and 3 by the Treasury Benches, were moved to the motion ; the latter were withdrawn at the time of Voting, parts (1) and (2) of the former were ruled out of order and the rest were negatived.

The motion was carried without any division and communicated by the Speaker to the Governor who acknowledged the same by his letter dated 21st/28th March, 1957.

## FINANCIAL BUSINESS

The Annual Financial Statement for the year 1957-58 and Demands for Grants on Account—Ist April to 30th June, 1957, were presented to the Sabha on the 19th March, 1957.

### (I) DEMANDS FOR GRANTS ON ACCOUNT FOR APRIL TO JUNE, 1957

General discussion on 43 Demands for Grants on Account, totalling a sum of Rs. 21,29,58,000 took place on the 20th March, 1957, for 236 minutes. Fourteen Members took part in the discussion, 12 from the Treasury Benches and 2 from the Opposition speaking for 197 and 39 minutes respectively.

The discussion, in accordance with the decision taken by the Sabha earlier, terminated at 1·35 P.M. when all the Demands for Grants on Account were put one by one and carried.

Cut motions, numbering 8, given notice of by Members of the Treasury Benches, were not moved.

### (II) THE PUNJAB APPROPRIATION (NO. I) BILL, 1957

The Punjab Appropriation (No. I) Bill, 1957 (Bill No. 5-PLA of 1957), in respect of Demands for Grants on Account for April to June, 1957, voted by the Sabha on the 20th March, 1957, was introduced on the 21st March, 1957.

It was before the Sabha for 55 minutes. Five Members took part in the discussion, two from the Opposition and three from the Treasury Benches speaking for 17 minutes and 36 minutes respectively.

The Bill was passed.

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## LIST OF BILLS INTRODUCED

| Serial No. | Name of the Bill | Minister/Member introducing |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | The Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1957 | Finance Minister |
| 2 | The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 1) Bill, 1957 | Finance Minister |
| 3 | The Punjab Consolidation of Land Proceedings (Validation) Bill, 1957 | Consolidation and Co-operative Societies Minister |
| 4 | The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 1957 | Finance Minister |
| 5 | The Punjab General Sales Tax (Extension) Bill, 1957 | Finance Minister |
| 6 | The Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1957 | Education Minister |

## LEGISLATION

*The Sabha addressed itself to Legislative measures on the 21st March, 1957 and passed the following bills including the Appropriation Bill in respect of Demands for Grants on Account for 1st April to 30th June, 1957*

**The following table in this connection may be perused :—**

| Serial No. | Title of the Bill | Date of introduction | Date of consideration | Number of speeches | | Time taken in minutes | | Amendments proposed | | Amendments moved | | Amendments Withdrawn | Amendments lost | Amendments held out of order | Amendments carried | | Total time taken for disposal in minutes | Date of passing | Date of Transmission to the Council | Date of receipt back from the Council | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Treasury | Opposition | Treasury | Opposition | Treasury | Opposition | Treasury | Opposition | | | | Treasury | Opposition | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 1 | The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 1957 .. | 21-3-57 | 21-3-57 | 3 | 2 | 36 | 17 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 55 | 21-3-57 | 21-3-57 | 23-3-57 | |
| 2 | The Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1957 | 21-3-57 | 21-3-57 | 2 | .. | 9 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10 | 21-3-57 | 21-3-57 | 23-3-57 | |
| 3 | The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 1) Bill, 1957 | 21-3-57 | 21-3-57 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 9 | 21-3-57 | 21-3-57 | 23-3-57 | |
| 4 | The Punjab Consolidation of Land Proceedings (Validation) Bill, 1957 | 21-3-57 | 21-3-57 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 12 | 21-3-57 | 21-3-57 | 23-3-57 | |
| 5 | The Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1957 | 21-3-57 | 21-3-57 | .. | .. | .. | .. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 21-3-57 | 21-3-57 | 23-3-57 | |
| 6 | The Punjab General Sales Tax (Extension) Bill, 1957 | 21-3-57 | 21-3-57 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 21-3-57 | 21-3-57 | 23-3-57 | |

## ;YNOPSIS OF THE BILLS PASSED BY THE VIDHAN SABHA

**[The Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1957.**

*cussed on 21st March, 1957. Passed on 21st March, 1957).*

Bill clarified the term " Financial Year " for the purpose of levying

**The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 1) Bill, 1957.**

*cussed on 21st March, 1957. Passed on 21st March, 1957.)*

Bill extended some of the laws in force in the erstwhile State of Punjab itories of the erstwhile State of Pepsu and repealed the corresponding ; erstwhile State of Pepsu.

**[The Punjab Consolidation of Land Proceedings (Validation) Bill, 1957.**

*cussed on 21st March, 1957. Passed on 21st March, 1957).*

Bill provided for the validation of certain schemes for consolidation of id subsequent proceedings in relation thereto taken during the period e 31st December, 1951 and the 1st of January, 1956. It also provided :inguishment and modification of rights in estates, included in such ;ithout payment of compensation.

**[The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 1957.**

*cussed on 21st March, 1957. Passed on 21st March, 1957.)*

Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated :e State of Punjab, of sums required to meet demands that were likely ring the first three months of the financial year 1957-58 ending on the iy of June, 1957.

**[The Punjab General Sales Tax (Extension) Bill, 1957.**

*cussed on 21st March, 1957. Passed on 21st March, 1957.)*

Bill extended the application of the East Punjab General Sales Tax Act, 8, to the territory of the erstwhile State of Pepsu.

**[The Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1957.**

*:ussed on 21st March, 1957. Passed on 21st March, 1957.)*

Bill provided that the person holding office of the Vice Chancellor ; before the commencement of the East Punjab University (Amendment) Act No. 9 of 1956), shall continue to hold office for such period up to 1957, as the Chancellor may by order determine.

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## RESOLUTIONS

The following official resolution was moved on the 21st March, 1957, by the the Chief Minister :—

" That in view of the increase in the area and population, in the number of graduates, teachers and local bodies in the State of Punjab and in the number of Members of the Punjab Legislative Assembly, as a result of the reorganisation of the State, this Assembly is of the opinion that the strength of the Punjab Legislative Council should be increased to 51 which is 1/3rd of the total number of Members of the Punjab Legislative Assembly and, therefore, it recommends to the Government to take necessary steps to bring about the said increase in the strength of the Punjab Legislative Council ".

Two Members from the Opposition and 3 Members from the Treasury Benches took part in the discussion, speaking for 16 minutes and 9 minutes respectively, the discussion terminating on a closure moved and carried.

The Chief Minister while replying to the debate spoke for six minutes.

The resolution was carried.

## NON-OFFICIAL RESOLUTIONS

There was no non-official day available for the purpose during the Session of the Sabha. The information, however, about notices of non-official resolutions received is as below :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of Notices received | .. | 32 |
| Number of Resolutions admitted | .. | 32 |
| Number of Resolutions disallowed | .. | .. |
| Number of Resolutions referred back | .. | .. |
| Number of Resolutions renewed | .. | .. |
| Total Number of admitted Resolutions | .. | 32 |
| Number of Ballots held | .. | .. |
| Date on which Ballots held | .. | .. |
| Number of Resolutions ballotted | .. | .. |

# PAPERS PRESENTED TO/LAID BEFORE THE SABHA

The following papers were presented to /laid before the Sabha.

| Serial No. | By whom presented/laid | Date on which presented/laid | Subject |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Speaker .. | 19th March, 1957 | Governor's Address under Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure |
| 2 | Secretary .. | Ditto .. | Statement showing the Bills passed by the Punjab State Legislature during its 11th Session, 1955 and 13th Session, 1956, and assented to by the President |
| 3 | Chief Minister .. | Ditto .. | Ordinances Nos. 1—5 of 1957, promulgated since the prorogation of the last Session of the Assembly, as required by Clause 2 (a) of Article 213 of the Constitution |
| 4 | Chief Minister .. | Ditto .. | Notification issued under Sub-section (1) of the Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Act, 1953, as required under Sub-section (2) *ibid* |
| 5 | Chief Minister .. | Ditto .. | Annual Report on the working of the Punjab Public Service Commission for the period from the 1st April, 1955 to 31st March, 1956, as presented to the Governor under Article 323 (2) of the Constitution, together with the memorandum explaining the reasons for the non-acceptance of the advice of the Commission |
| 6 | Finance Minister | Ditto .. | Annual Financial Statement for the year 1957-58 and Demands for Grants on Acco unt—1st April to 30th June, 1957 |
| 7 | Finance Minister | 20th March, 1957 | Annual Report on the Government Companies in the State of Punjab, as required under Section 639 (2) of the Companies Act, 1956 |

## OTHER MOTIONS

| Serial No. | Minister/Member Moving | Moved on | Discussed on | Subject Matter | Decision |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Rao Gajraj Singh | 19th March, 1957 | 19th March, 1957 | Motion of Thanks for the Address delivered by the Governor on the 18th March, 1957 | Carried |
| 2 | Chief Minsiter | 20th March, 1957 | 20th March, 1957 | Suspension of Rule 30 and transaction of Government business on the 21st March, 1957 | Carried |
| 3 | Chief Minister | 21st March, 1957 | 21st March, 1957 | Exemption of the proceedings on the items of business fixed for the 21st March, 1957 from the provisions of the Rule "Sittings of the Assembly" indefinitely | Carried |
| 4 | Chief Minister | Ditto | Ditto | Adjournment of the Sabha *sine die* | Carried |

## REFERENCES

References to the deaths of the late Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the late Shri R. S. Shukla, the late Shri B. G. Kher, the late Shri P. S. Kumaraswami Raja, and the late Shri Shyamnandan Sahay, were made on the 19th March, 1957, by the Leader of the House. The Speaker associated himself with the sentiments expressed.

All the Members stood in silence for 2 minutes as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

Messages of condolence and sympathy on the demise of the aforesaid personages were sent to the Secretary, Rajya Sabha, the Chief Secretary to Government, Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal, the Chief Secretary to Government, Bombay, the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, and the Registrar, University of Bihar, Patna, respectively, for being conveyed to the members of the bereaved families.

**Comparative statement of speeches made by the Members of the Treasury Benches and Opposition Groups, and the time taken by them during the 2nd (March) Session, 1957**

| No. of speeches made by | | | Time taken by | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Treasury Benches* | | Members of the Opposition Groups | *Treasury Benches* | | | | Members of the Opposition Groups | |
| Members | Ministers | | Members | | Ministers | | | |
| | | | H | M | H | M | H | M |
| 28 | 12 | 9 | 5 | 19 | 2 | 13 | 2 | 3 |
| (57.1 per cent) | (24.5 per cent) | (18.4 per cent) | (55.5 per cent) | | (23.1 per cent) | | (21.4 per cent | |

## STATEMENT I

## QUESTIONS

**2nd (March) Session, 1957.**

| Nature of Questions | Number of notices received | Number admitted | Number disallowed | Number not put and post-poned | Number answered | Number deemed to have been answered under Rule 45 | Number of supple-mentaries put |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Starred .. | 46 | 40 | 6 | 2 | 10 | .. | 26 |
| Unstarred .. | 49 | 33 | 16 | .. | 5 | .. | .. |
| Short Notice | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## STATEMENT II

**Statement showing the number of Starred Questions answered date-wise.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 19th March, 1957 | .. | 4 |
| 20th March, 1957 | .. | 3 |
| 21st March, 1957 | .. | 3 |
| Total | .. | 10 |

## STATEMENT III

**Statement showing the number of Starred Questions in the names of different Ministers date-wise**

| Date | Chief Minister | Minister for Planning, Capital and Community Project | Minister for Revenue and Panchayats | Minister for Labour and Health | Minister for Relief and Rehabilitation | Minister for Housing and Language | Minister for Public Works | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19th March, 1957 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 6 |
| 20th March, 1957 | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 |
| 21st March, 1957 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 3 |
| Total .. | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12 |

## STATEMENT IV

**Detailed statement of Starred, Unstarred and Short Notice Questions in the name of each Minister date-wise and department-wise and answered during the March Session, 1957.**

### CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | General Adminis-tration | Home Depart-ment | Local Bodies | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19th March, 1957 | Starred .. | 2 | 1 | .. | | | | .. | .. | 3 | 3 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | 1 | 1 | | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | .. | .. | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

### MINISTER FOR PLANNING, CAPITAL AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS

| Date | Nature of questions | Develop-ment Depart-ment (Com-munity Project) | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19th March, 1957 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

| Date | Nature of questions | P.W.D., (B. & R.) | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19th March, 1957 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | .. | 1 | 1 | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND PANCHAYATS

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19th March, 1957 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | .. | 1 | 1 | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER

| Date | Nature of questions | Irrigation Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19th March, 1957 | Starred .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Unstarred .. | 2 | | | | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## CHIEF MINISTER

| Date | Nature of questions | Transport Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20th March, 1957 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND PANCHAYATS

| Date | Nature of questions | Revenue Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20th March, 1957 | Starred .. | 2 | | | | | | .. | .. | 2 | 2 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

MINISTER FOR LABOUR AND HEALTH

| Date | Nature of questions | Labour Department | | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21st March, 1957 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR RELIEF AND REHABILITATION

| Date | Nature of questions | Relief and Rehabilitation Department | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21st March, 1957 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

## MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND LANGUAGE

| Date | Nature of questions | Language Department | | | | | Number of questions postponed | Number of questions not put | Total | Number of questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21st March, 1957 | Starred .. | 1 | | | | | .. | .. | 1 | 1 |
| | Unstarred .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | Short Notice .. | .. | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. |

# STATEMENT V

## SALIENT FIGURES RELATING TO QUESTIONS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Total number of sittings of the Sabha .. | 3 |
| 2 | Number of questions (Starred and Unstarred) received .. | 95 |
| 3 | Number of Short Notice questions received .. | .. |
| 4 | Number of sittings at which the Question Hour was dispensed with .. | .. |
| 5 | Number of Members from whom notices were received .. | 6 |
| 6 | Total number of questions to which answers were given orally .. | 10 |
| 7 | Largest number of questions orally answered on any one day .. | 4 |
| 8 | Least number of questions orally answered on any one day .. | 3 |
| 9 | Total number of Unstarred Questions replied to .. | 5 |
| 10 | Largest number of notices received from any one Member (Sardar Atma Singh) .. | 22 |
| 11 | Largest number of admitted questions in the name of any one Member (Sardar Atma Singh) .. | 18 |
| 12 | Largest number of questions addressed to any one Minister (Chief Minister) .. | 4 |
| 13 | Largest number of questions orally answered by any one Minister (Chief Minister) .. | 4 |
| 14 | Largest number of Short Notice questions answered by any one Minister .. | .. |
| 15 | Total number of statements in replies to questions supplied to Members Concerned .. | 2 |

**Statement showing the kind and quantity of translation work done in Connection with the Second (March) Session, 1957.**

| | | *Hindi* | *Punjabi* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Starred Questions from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 18 | 18 |
| 2. | Unstarred Questions from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 33 | 33 |
| 3. | Bills translated from English into Hindi and Punjabi .. | 6 | 6 |
| 4. | Lists of Business, circulars and Notices to M.L.As translated and cyclostyled in Hindi and Punjabi .. | 19 | 19 |
| 5. | Amendments translated and cyclostyled in Hindi and Punjabi .. | 27 | 27 |
| 6. | Questions and letters, received from M.L.As, in Hindi and Punjabi, translated into English .. | 32 | |
| 7. | Amendments from M.L.As in Punjabi and Hindi into English .. | 12 | |
| 8. | Bulletins translated and cyclostyled in Hindi and Punjabi .. | 3 | 3 |

**Ruling by the Speaker on 21st March, 1957 regarding the inadmissibility of a speech by a Member after the Minister's reply to the discussion.**

A Member cannot speak after the Minister has replied to the discussion at the consideration stage of the Bill. He can, however, speak at the time of its third reading.

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**Farewell Speech by the Hon. Speaker on the 21st March, 1957.**

Before I adjourn this House *sine die,* I want to thank the hon. Members of the Treasury and Opposition Benches including my friends hailing from PEPSU for the atmosphere of cordiality and affection which they maintained in this House during this short Session. They have amply demonstrated that the hopes and ambitions which we nurse for the bright future of the new Punjab will be fully realised. When the new Assembly is constituted, some of us who have not contested elections or have not been returned to the Assembly for one reason or another will not be here. I as also the other hon. Members will deeply feel their absence. I request them to see us whenever they come here and I assure them that they will be most welcome and properly received here. It is a different question whether they remain Members or not, but it is the duty of every person to take keen interest in the political affairs and progress of the State. We have been given an opportunity to serve the masses through this House and those who have not been elected can serve them equally well from outside the House.

I am glad that the hon. Members of the erstwhile State of Punjab have expressed themselves in a most befitting manner in this Session. I am also grateful to my friends from the erstwhile State of PEPSU for the excellent manner in which they conducted themselves.

I am very proud of the work done by this Assembly during the last 5 years for the service, amelioration and betterment of the people, the parallel of which it would probably be difficult to find elsewhere. I am also happy to observe that my friends, belonging to the Opposition, irrespective of their party or group affiliations, have taken a prominent part in the deliberations of this House, which is in keeping with the democratic traditions. They have helped in the maintenance of dignity and decorum of the House. Sometimes, tempers ran high and the conflicting ideas created some amount of bitterness in this House but, despite this, its record is glorious, enviable and unique and I am indeed proud of it. (*Cheers*). Before concluding, I would again say that I profoundly feel that some of us will not be here in the new Assembly but I want to assure them from the depth of my heart that they would be very welcome to meet us here and watch the deliberations of this House.

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**PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA**

# REVIEW

**OF**

# Work done by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha

**DURING**

**The years 1952—1957**

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# PREFACE

The following pages contain factual information in a consolidated form about the business transacted in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha during the period from 1952 to 1957 and include the information which has already been given in the Resumes published by this Secretariat.

It is hoped that this publication reviewing the work done by the Vidhan Sabha as it does within the compass of a single volume would prove useful.

CHANDIGARH :
22nd April, 1957

KULDIP CHAND BEDI,
Secretary.

## THE ASSEMBLY : ITS COMPOSITION AND ITS SESSIONS

The Punjab Legislative Assembly before the reorganisation of the State consisted of 126 Members elected by 105 constituencies, 84 single Member and 21 double Member. Fourteen bye-elections were held during this period to fill seats which were rendered vacant for one reason or another.

Dr. Satyapal, a Member of the Assembly, was appointed by the Governor to perform the duties of the Speaker on April 29, 1952. He was elected Speaker on 5th May, 1952 and he died on April 18, 1954. Sardar Gurdial Singh Dhillon who was the Deputy Speaker during this period, performed the duties of the Speaker from April 19, 1954 to May 17, 1954 and he was elected Speaker on May 18, 1954. In his place Chaudhri Sarup Singh was elected Deputy Speaker. They were again elected Speaker and Deputy Speaker, respectively, on November 6, 1956 when the Legislative Assembly of the reorganised State of Punjab met for the first time. Sardar Gurdial Singh Dhillon had, however, been appointed by the Governor to perform the duties of the Speaker on November 6, 1956.

The strength of the Legislative Assembly after the reorganisation of the State of Punjab was : 126 of the erstwhile State of Punjab and 60 of the erstwhile State of Pepsu representing 49 constituencies, 38 single Member and 11 double Member, that is 186 in all. Out of this number as on 1st November, 1956, one seat was vacant in the erstwhile Punjab Legislative Assembly and two in the erstwhile Pepsu Legislative Assembly. These seats remained unfilled.

In the erstwhile Punjab Legislative Assembly the membership was spread over the following political parties —

Congress

Panthic

Communist

Gandhi Janta Congress Party

Zamindara League

Socialist

out of which the Congress Party formed the Government and the Panthic Party was recognised on 7th May, 1952 as the Opposition Party with one of its Members as the Leader of the Opposition. The strength of this party declined and the recognition given to it as an Opposition Party was withdrawn on March 4, 1955 and thereafter it constituted one of the Opposition groups. In February, 1954 another Opposition group belonging to the Gandhi Janta Congress Party came into existence.

Shri Bhim Sen Sachar was the Leader of the Assembly from its commencement till January 23, 1956, when Sardar Partap Singh Kairon became the Leader and remained so even after the reorganisation of the State.

The Members of the erstwhile Punjab Legislative Assembly took the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution on 3rd May, 1952 ; and these Members along with the Members of the erstwhile Pepsu Legislative Assembly again, after the reorganised Legislative Assembly came into being on November 1, 1956, took the oath on November 6, 1956.

The Legislative Assembly of the erstwhile State of Punjab was summoned after the General Elections to meet for the first time on May 3, 1952 at Simla, which was at the time the headquarters of the Assembly and of the Government.

The second Session of 1953 was summoned to meet at Chandigarh where the Assembly and the State Government have had their headquarters since September, 1953.

After the reorganisation , two sessions were held . In all the Assembly held 206 sittings in 15 Sessions as follows :—

| Year | 1st Session | Second Session | Third Session | Fourth Session | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1952 .. | 4 | 30 | 18 | .. | 52 |
| 1953 .. | 29 | 11 | .. | .. | 40 |
| 1954 .. | 21 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 34 |
| 1955 .. | 23 | 8 | .. | .. | 31 |
| 1956 .. | 31 | 13 | .. | .. | 44 |
| 1956 (after reorganisation) | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| 1957 .. | 4 | .. | .. | .. | 4 |
| Total | | | | .. | 206 |

## LEGISLATION

The Assembly has passed 221 Bills, 203 originating in the Assembly itself and 18 originating in the Punjab Legislative Council. Among those originating in the Assembly, there were three non-official Bills (Appendix 1). In 1952, thirty-five, in 1953 fifty-seven, in 1954 forty-one, in 1955 thirty-two, in 1956 fifty and in 1957 (up to 21st March) six Bills were passed. Out of these 65 were new Bills, 138 amending Bills and 18 Appropriation Bills.

The new Bills and the Amending Bills dealt with constitutional, agrarian, social, administrative, legal, health and economic subjects and the Appropriation Bills with the appropriation of moneys voted by the Assembly whether in the first instance or by way of supplementaries or by way of regularisation of excesses over grants, or in relation to vote-on-account.

The total number of amendments which were received in respect of these Bills, other than Appropriation Bills, was approximately 1292. Out of these 507 amendments were tabled by the Opposition and 785 by Members of the Party in power.

The titles of the Bills passed with a brief synopsis of each may be seen in Appendix II. Similar details regarding the Bills which originated in the Punjab Legislative Council are given in Appendix III.

## QUESTIONS

The total number of questions orally answered was 4,783 out of 7,210 admitted, the total number of notices received being 9,778. The number of supplementary questions asked in respect of the answers to 4,783 questions was 6,263.

Previously the rule was that the questions printed on the list of questions for a particular day which could not be answered on that day would be carried over to the next available day. The result of this often was that a large number of questions would accumulate on the last day of a Session, and these could not be replied to. The notices of these used to lapse on prorogation. This rule was modified by the Speaker on October 7, 1955 with the result that questions printed in the list for a particular day which cannot be orally answered are deemed to have been answered by the Minister by his laying on the Table of the House the relevant answers. In other words, such questions partake of the nature of unstarred questions.

The Speaker, however, in deference to the wishes of the Members often directed the carrying over of the unanswered questions to the next available day.

The number of questions deemed to have been answered under the operation of the Rule, referred to above, was 1226.

The total number of notices of unstarred questions received was 1,275 out of which 879 were admitted and 760 answered.

The year-wise distribution of questions is as follows—

| Year | | No. of Starred questions given notice of | No. of Starred questions admitted | No. of Starred questions answered | No. of Supplementary questions | No. of Questions deemed to have been answered | No. of notices of Unstarred questions | No. of Unstarred questions admitted | No. of Unstarred questions answered |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1952 | .. | 2,128 | 1,533 | 1,137 | 1,119 | .. | 486 | 291 | 244 |
| 1953 | .. | 1,320 | 900 | 798 | 641 | .. | 223 | 193 | 193 |
| 1954 | .. | 2,435 | 1,821 | 1,181 | 1,067 | 176 | 179 | 126 | 104 |
| 1955 | .. | 2,263 | 1,766 | 712 | 1,634 | 957 | 169 | 115 | 105 |
| 1956 | .. | 1,586 | 1,150 | 945 | 1,776 | 93 | 169 | 121 | 109 |
| 1957 | .. | 46 | 40 | 10 | 26 | .. | 49 | 33 | 5 |
| Total | .. | 9,778 | 7,210 | 4,783 | 6,263 | 1,226 | 1,275 | 879 | 760 |

# RESOLUTIONS

## I. NON-OFFICIAL

Resolutions (non-official) on matters of general public interest were discussed on 15 days during the 13 Sessions of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha before merger of the States of Punjab and Pepsu and 2 Sessions thereafter as follows:—

| Year | First Session | Second Session | Third Session | Fourth Session |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1952 .. | .. | 5 | 3 | .. |
| 1953 .. | 1 | 2 | .. | .. |
| 1954 .. | 1 | 2 | 2 | .. |
| 1955 .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. |
| 1956 .. | 2 | 2 | .. | .. |
| 1956 (After reorganisation) .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1957 .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

The total number of notices of non-official resolutions received was 237 in 1952, 299 in 1953, 276 in 1954, 628 in 1955, 384 in 1956 and 32 in 1957, that is, 1856 in all. The number of notices admitted was respectively, 188, 278, 263, 580, 375 and 32, altogether 1716 and the number discussed was 8, 3, 5, 3 and 4. The Session-wise distribution was as follows:—

| Year | Sessions | No. of notices of Resolutions received | No. of notices of Resolutions admitted | No. of Resolutions discussed |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1952 .. | 1st Session | 9 | 8 | .. |
| | 2nd Session | 126 | 99 | 5 |
| | 3rd Session | 102 | 81 | 3 |
| 1953 .. | 1st Session | 181 | 164 | 1 |
| | 2nd Session | 118 | 114 | 2 |
| 1954 .. | 1st Session | 113 | 106 | 1 |
| | 2nd Session | 67 | 67 | 2 |
| | 3rd Session | 96 | 90 | 2 |
| | 4th Session | .. | .. | .. |
| 1955 | 1st Session | 253 | 229 | 3 |
| | 2nd Session | 375 | 351 | .. |
| 1956 | 1st Session | 238 | 236 | 2 |
| | 2nd Session | 146 | 139 | 2 |
| 1956 | 1st Session (After reorganisation) | .. | .. | .. |
| 1957 .. | 1st Session | 32 | 32 | .. |

These resolutions covered a wide-variety of subjects. Four of these resolutions were carried, 6 were withdrawn and 7 were lost. The titles of the Resolutions with a brief substance of each, the date of its discussion and its fate may be seen in Appendix IV.

II OFFICIAL

Besides these non-official resolutions, seven official resolutions were discussed. These were all carried. The subject matter of each such resolution and the date of its discussion may be seen in Appendix V.

## ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Attempts were made, every now and again, as shown below, to adjourn the business of the House to discuss matters of alleged urgency and public importance by means of adjournment motions, 133 notices of which were received as shown below:—

| Year | First Session | Second Session | Third Session | Fourth Session |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1952 .. | 1 | 11 | 11 | .. |
| 1953 .. | 5 | 1 | .. | .. |
| 1954 .. | 14 | 40 | 7 | 5 |
| 1955 .. | 10 | 18 | .. | .. |
| 1956 .. | 5 | 5 | .. | .. |

Out of these 133, only the following 3 were held in order by the Speaker:—

| Serial No. | Subject matter | Date |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Regarding the arrest of Master Tara Singh. .. | 25th February, 1953. |
| 2 | Regarding alleged repression by the Police on the workers and Trade Unionists in connection with the 'lock out' of workers of the Niemla Textile Mills, Amritsar. .. | 18th April, 1955. |
| 3 | Regarding alleged failure of the Government to provide effective drainage system in the districts of Amritsar and Gurdaspur resulting in loss of crops and damage to property. .. | 20th August, 1956. |

The Assembly, however, did not grant the necessary leave to move these Adjournment Motions. The other 130 were held out of order.

## HALF HOUR DISCUSSION—

On 2nd April, 1954 an half-hour discussion was held on the reply to Starred Question No. 3349 regarding the payment of compensation to displaced persons in the State.

## DISCUSSIONS ON SPECIAL SUBJECTS

Discussions on special subjects took place as shown below:

| *Subject* | *Date* |
|---|---|
| Regarding the repeal of the orders of the Governor relating to the addition to Schedules B and C referred to in regulations 5 and 6 respectively of the Punjab and North West Frontier Province Joint Public Service Commission (Limitation of Functions) Regulations, namely "50 per cent of the posts of Block Development Officers under the National Extension Service Scheme." | 18th April, 1955.<br>19th April, 1955. |
| Situation created by heavy rains and floods .. | 14th October, 1955. |
| States Reorganisation Commission's Report .. | 24th November, 1955.<br>25th November, 1955.<br>26th November, 1955. |
| Draft States Reorganisation Bill .. | 22nd March, 1956.<br>23rd March, 1956. |
| Punjab's Second Five-Year Plan .. | 2nd April, 1956.<br>3rd April, 1956.<br>4th April, 1956. |
| Regarding repeal of order of the Governor relating to the additions to Schedule 'A' referred to in regulation (3) (b) of the Punjab Public Service Commission (Limitation of Functions) Regulations, namely:— ..<br><br>"12. Supervisors in the Public Relations Department, Punjab ;<br><br>13. Consolidation Officers in the Consolidation of Holdings Department, Punjab, appointed up to the 31st March, 1956, and thereafter ;<br><br>14. Chief Instructor and two Assistant Instructresses for the Home Economics Department, Punjab". | 4th September, 1956. |

# FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Five Budgets—the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Government of the State in respect of each financial year—were presented and passed for various amounts as stated below:—

| *Year* | *Amount* |
|---|---|
| | Rs |
| 1952 .. | 57,05,33,290 |
| 1953 .. | 83,91,82,900 |
| 1954 .. | 81,74,16,600 |
| 1955 | 97,21,82,380 |
| 1956 .. | 94,00,98,210 |

Two Supplementary Estimates in respect of Excess Demands, one in 1954 for Rs 21,92,826 and one in 1956 for Rs 3,83,46,063, were also voted on 11th November, 1954 and 27th August, 1956 respectively. Nine Supplementary Estimates, two each for the years 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56 and one for 1956-57 were presented and voted for various amounts as below:—

| Year | Amount | Date on which voted |
|---|---|---|
| | Rs | |
| 1952-53 .. | 83,94,400 | 20th November, 1952. |
| | 3,77,68,920 | 5th March, 1953. |
| 1953-54 .. | 5,37,38,300 | 5th October, 1953. |
| | 3,96,47,640 | 12th March, 1954. |
| 1954-55 .. | 91,45,010 | 5th November, 1954. |
| | 4,34,69,930 | 5th March, 1955. |
| 1955-56 .. | 1,64,82,890 | 15th October, 1955. |
| | 5,39,77,510 | 7th March, 1956. |
| 1956-57 | 27,50,070 | 27th August, 1956. |

In 1952 a second demand for vote-on-account was granted on 16th June, 1952 for Rs 4,37,25,830 before the Budget for 1952-53 could be voted and in 1957 Demands for Grants 'on account' for April to June, 1957 were granted on 20th March, 1957 for Rs 21,29,58,000 before the Budget for 1957-58 could be voted.

General discussions were held on each budget and specific demands for grants were taken up for discussion on each occasion as shown below :—

| Year | Days allotted for General discussion of Budget | Demands | Days allotted for discussion of demands |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1952 .. | 3 | (1) General Administration .. | 2 |
| | | (2) Education .. | 2 |
| | | (3) Agriculture .. | 2 |
| | | (4) Miscellaneous .. | 2 |
| 1953 .. | 2 | (1) General Administration .. | 2 |
| | | (2) Irrigation .. | 2 |
| | | (3) Community Development Projects | 1 |
| | | (4) (i) Police .. | 1 |
| | | (ii) Education .. | |
| | | (iii) Medical and Public Health .. | |
| | | (iv) Agriculture .. | |
| | | (v) Veterinary; and .. | |
| | | (vi) Industries .. | |
| 1954 .. | 2 | (1) General Administration .. | 2 |
| | | (2) Irrigation .. | 2 |
| | | (3) Industries .. | 1 |
| | | (4) Miscellaneous .. | 1 |
| 1955 .. | 3 | (1) Irrigation .. | 2 |
| | | (2) Education .. | 1 |
| | | (3) Industries .. | 1 |
| | | (4) General Administration .. | 2 |
| 1956 .. | 4 | (1) General Administration .. | 2 |
| | | (2) Police .. | |
| | | (3) Capital Outlay on Multipurpose River Schemes—Bhakra-Nangal Project | 1 |
| | | (4) Other Revenue Expenditure connected with Multipurpose River Schemes. | |
| | | (5) Education .. | 1 |
| | | (6) Miscellaneous Departments (Labour only) | 2 |
| | | (7) Industries .. | |
| | | (8) Capital Outlay on Industrial Development (outside the Revenue Account) | |

Eighteen Appropriation Bills, one in respect of each estimate, were passed by the Assembly.

## Governor's Addresses

The Governor has addressed Members of the Punjab Legislative Assembly and the Punjab Legislative Council assembled together six times beginning with the first Session of the Legislature in May, 1952. Each of these addresses was discussed on a motion of thanks to which amendments were also proposed. In 1952, two days were allotted for discussion of matters contained in the Address, and 8 amendments were moved to the motion of thanks, in 1953 two days were allotted for discussion and 6 amendments were moved, in 1954 two days were allotted for discussion and 17 amendments were moved, in 1955 two days were allotted for discussion and 23 amendments were moved, in 1956 three days were allotted for discussion and 25 amendments were moved and in March, 1957, one day was allotted for discussion and four amendments were moved. The amendments were on each occasion either withdrawn or lost and the motion of thanks was on every occasion carried.

## COMMITTEES

In 1952 when the Assembly was constituted there was provision in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business forthe following Committees :

Public Accounts Committee.

Committee on Estimates.

House Committee.

Committee on Petitions.

Select Committees.

Joint Select Committees.

From time to time, subsequently, the following additional Committees were provided for by amendments of the Rules ;

Committee of Privileges from June, 1952.

Library Committee from November, 1952.

Rules Committee from 1954.

Committee on Government Assurances from 1954.

Business Advisory Committee from 1955.

Committee on Subordinate Legislation from 1956.

Except the Public Accounts Committee and the Committee on Estimates which are elected by the Members of the Assembly from amongst themselves according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote all the other Committees are nominated by the Speaker. The Chairmen of all the Committees, whether elected or nominated, are appointed by the Speaker. When, however, the Deputy Speaker is a Member of any Committee, he is appointed the Chairman.

In 1955 the Assembly by a motion requested the Punjab Legislative Council to agree to associate three of its Members with the Public Accounts Committee. The Council having agreed, three Members of the Council have been associated with the Public Accounts Committee for 1955-56 and 1956-57.

The principle of elections to the Public Accounts Committee and the Estimates Committee was suspended for the formation of these Committees for the balance of the year 1956-57 subsequent to the re-organisation of the State. These Committees of the erstwhile Legislative Assemblies had ceased to exist ; nominations to the new Committees were made by the Speaker. The Members nominated were the Members of the former corresponding Punjab Committees with the addition of three Members from amongst the Membership of the former corresponding Pepsu Committees.

The membership of these as well as other Committees was increased subsequent to the merger of Punjab and Pepsu as shown below—

| Name of the Committee | STRENGTH | |
|---|---|---|
| | Before 1st November, 1956 | After 1st November, 1956 |
| Public Accounts Committee .. | 9 M.L.As. ..<br>3 M.L.Cs. .. | 12 M.L.As.<br>3 M.L.Cs. |
| Committee on Estimates .. | 9 .. | 12 |
| Rules Committee .. | 8 .. | .. |
| Committee on Government Assurances | 9 .. | 12 |
| Committee on Subordinate Legislation | 8 .. | 12 |
| Business Advisory Committee .. | Speaker : *Exofficio* Chairman, and not more than 5 Members. | |
| Committee of Privileges .. | 10 .. | 13 |
| Library Committee .. | 6 .. | 7 |
| Petitions Committee .. | Deputy Speaker Chairman, with 4 other Members. | Deputy Speaker Chairman, with 5 other Members. |

The Rules Committee ceased to exist with effect from 1st November, 1956. the strength of the Select Committees constituted during this period depended upon the motions in consequence of which they were created, while the strength of the Joint Select Committees has been prescribed by Rule 153 of the Rules of procedure and Conduct of Business in the Assembly.

The total number of meetings held by these different Committees, year-wise, up to the end of December, 1956 along with the number of reports presented by each is as stated below :—

| Year | Public Accounts Committee | Estimates Committee | *Committee on Government Assurances | †Rules Committee | Joint Select Committee | Select Committee | ‡Business Advisory Committee | Library Committee | §House Committee | Committee on Petitions | Committee of Privileges | ‖Committee on Subordinate Legislation |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1952-53 .. | 22 | 14 | .. | .. | 6 | 1 | .. | 5 | .. | .. | 3 | .. |
| 1953-54 .. | 30 | 17 | .. | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 8 | 7 | .. | .. | .. |
| 1954-55 .. | 15 | 20 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 5 | .. | 2 | 5 | .. | .. | .. |
| 1955-56 .. | 19 | 18 | 4 | 3 | 3 | .. | 3 | 4 | 7 | .. | .. | .. |
| 1956, April, onward. | 7 | 11 | 7 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | 4 | .. | .. | 2 | 1 |
| Number or Reports presented (1952--56) | 4 | @013 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. |

*Constituted in 1954.
†Constituted in 1954 and ceased to exist from the 1st November, 1956.
‡Constituted in 1955.
§Constituted in 1953.
‖Constituted in 1956.

*N.B.*—The number of meetings of the Public Accounts Committee and Committee on Estimates includes the number of meetings of Sub-Committees.

@The number includes 9 Reports on the Supplementary Estimates (1st Instalment and 2nd Instalment) for the year 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57 (on first instalment only).

The Public Accounts Committee and the Estimates Committee are, by the law of their creation, financial Committees and, in their reports, make recommendations to the Assembly which it is normally expected shall be implemented by Government. Arrangements have, therefore, been worked out by which the Committees are kept informed periodically about the action that is taken on their recommendations/observations. These arrangements are set out in letters addressed by Government to their departments, and are reproduced as Appendices VI and VII.

Regarding the Committees on Government Assurances and Subordinate Legislation corresponding arrangements have not yet been made.

A brief account of the activities of these Committees is as follows :—

## THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

The Public Accounts Committee during 1952-53 scrutinized the Appropriation Accounts of the Punjab Government for 1948-49 and 1949-50 and the Audit Reports thereon and presented its first report to the Assembly on 15th April, 1953.

During the course of its scrutiny it visited the Bhakra-Nangal Project and the Livestock Farm at Hissar. In 1953-54, it scrutinised the Appropriation Accounts for 1950-51 and the Audit Report for 1952 and presented its second report to the Assembly on 31st March, 1954, having visited the Bhakra-Nangal Project to see for themselves the progress made since their previous visit and the Central Workshop at Amritsar. During 1954-55, the Committee concerned itself mainly with two items, one relating to the printing of electoral rolls, and the other relating to the Bhakra-Nangal Project and Grant No. 9—Irrigation, which had been left over by its predecessor Committee. It also framed a questionnaire on the Appropriation Accounts of the State Government for 1951-52 and the Audit Report thereon for 1953. It presented its third Report to the Assembly on 5th November, 1954. In 1955-56 the Committee concerned itself mainly with the scrutiny of the Appropriation Accounts for 1951-52, the questionnaire regarding which had already been framed during the year preceding. Having done so it presented its Fourth Report to the Assembly on 29th March, 1956. It also framed a questionnaire on the Appropriation Accounts for 1952-53 and the Audit Report thereon for 1954. The Committee during this year also visited the Bhakra-Nangal Project. In 1956-57 the Committee framed a further questionnaire on the remaining portions of the Appropriation Accounts for 1952-53, scrutinized the replies of some departments but have not been able to complete their work.

## THE COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

The Committee during 1952-53 examined the Budget Estimates of that year relating to the following departments :—

General Administration, P.W.D. (Irrigation), P.W.D. (Building and Roads), Grow-More-Food, Excise and Taxation, Home Defence and Police.

In 1953-54, it examined the Budget Estimates for 1953-54 of the following departments:—

Education, Transport, Jails, P.W.D. (Electricity Branch), P.W.D. (Irrigation), Bhakra-Nangal Project, Agricultural and Dairy Farms, Health, Central Workshop at Amritsar and Community Projects (with special reference to Nilokheri, Batala and Faridabad Centres).

It also visited the site of the Bhakra Dam, the Ganguwal Power House, the Central Workshop and the Faridabad Community Project.

In 1954-55, it examined the Budget Estimates for 1954-55 of the following departments :—

General Administration, Prisons (Headquarters), Co-operative, Industries Stores Purchase, Printing and Stationery, Community Projects, Forest and Transport.

In 1955-56, it examined the Budget Estimates for 1955-56 of the following departments :—

General Administration, Community Projects, Capital Project Administration, P.W.D. (Electricity Branch), Jails, Police, Industries and Bhakra-Nangal Project and visited the site of the Bhakra Project, the Nawanshahr Community Project and the Ferozepore Central Jail.

In 1956-57, it examined the Budget Estimates for 1956-57 of the following departments :—

General Administration, Capital Project, Transport, and Industries.

It also made an on-the-spot study of the working of the Punjab Civil Secretariat at Simla.

Besides the above, the Committees for the different years examined the Supplementary Estimates for the years 1952-53. Ist and 2nd instal-, ments, 1953-54, 1st and 2nd instalments, 1954-55, 1st and 2nd instalments, 1955-56 1st and 2nd instalments and 1956-57, 1st instalment.

It has presented its Reports to the Assembly each year from 1953 embodying its conclusions on the estimates scrutinized by it, and, in addition, reports on each of the Supplementary Estimates examined by it. In all, therefore, it has presented four reports on the Budget Estimates of various departments and nine reports on the yearly instalments of the Supplementary Estimates presented to the Assembly.

It may be added that the Committee has not been able to complete its work during 1956-57. During this year, however, the Committee appointed two Sub-Committees, one for the revision of its Rules of Procedure, called the Drafting Sub-Committee and the other to examine how far its recommendations had been implemented by Government, called the Implementation Sub-Committee. The Drafting Sub-Committee has held one sitting and has examined a number of the working rules of the Estimates Committee. Its report is not yet finalized. The Implementation Sub-Committee has not yet held any meeting.

## COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

Almost the first thing that the Committee did was to determine which kinds of statements made by Ministers in the Assembly were to be treated as assurances, promises, undertakings, etc. That having been done, inquiries were addressed to Government regarding the extent to which assurances etc. given in the Sessions beginning with that held in March-April, 1954 had been implemented, and their replies were scrutinized to see whether there had been adequate implementation or not and whether the implementation was expeditious or inordinately delayed.

The Committee presented its first report to the Assembly in March, 1956.

The statements of assurances etc., relating to March-April, May and November, 1954, March-April and October, 1955 and March-April, 1956, Sessions have been forwarded to Government and the Government's replies relating to 248 assurances out of a total number of 308 have so far been received.

## RULES COMMITTEE

It was generally felt by the Members that some of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Assembly were a little wooden and some others outmoded. In response to the general wish of the Members the Rules Committee with the hon. Speaker as its Chairman was constituted in 1955. It carefully examined the Rules in force, compared them with the Rules in force elsewhere and suggested a number of changes in its Report which was presented to the Assembly on 3rd October, 1955.

The Report remained laid before the Assembly for three days as required by Rules. No amendments were, however, proposed to the Report. Thereafter, under orders of the Speaker the amended Rules came into force with effect from 7th October, 1955.

The Committee also presented a Second Report to the Assembly on 11th April, 1956 in which it recommended the formation of a Committee on Subordinate Legislation and accordingly an addition for the purpose in the Rules. This recommendation having been approved, a Rule in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business was added and the Committee came into existence.

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

The House Committee during 1953-54 was entrusted by the Speaker to examine the question relating to the shifting of the venue of the Assembly from Simla to Chandigarh and report to him. Accordingly, the Committee held meetings at Simla and at Chandigarh and presented its report to the Speaker. During the subsequent years the Committee has considered the arrangements for the stay of Members in Chandigarh and made recommendations generally in connection with their comfort and convenience, as also the allotment of accommodation to them during the days of the Sessions.

## LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Library Committee has made recommendations for the purchase of books and periodicals for the Members' Library. As a result of its recommendations, 520 books in English, Hindi and Punjabi, worth Rs 9,170, have been added to the Library and the following 12 periodicals are being subscribed to :—

(1) Reader's Digest.

(2) Social Welfare.

(3) Civic Affairs.

(4) Indian Review.

(5) Modern Review.

(6) Eastern World.

(7) Asian Recorder.

(8) Kurukshetra.

(9) Bharat Sevak in English and Hindi.

(10) Samaj.

(11) Kavita.

(12) Punjabi Duniya.

## BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Business Advisory Committee during 1955-56 made recommendations regarding the allocation of time of the Assembly to the discussion and passing of Financial (Supplementary Estimates) and Legislative business pending before it which were approved. Again in 1956-57, its recommendation regarding the discussion and passing of Financial (Excess Demands and Supplementary Estimates) business was approved.

## COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

During 1952-53, the Committee of Privileges examined the question as to:

"how to prevent demonstrations raising shouts and slogans derogatory to Members of the House, in and near the precincts of the Assembly when the Assembly is in Session?"

(This point arose when some persons raised shouts and slogans on 16th June, 1952).

It presented its Report to the Assembly on 14th July, 1952, which was adopted.

In 1956, the Speaker, under Rule 285 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, referred a letter, received by him from a Member, to the Committee for investigation and report as to whether it involved a reflection on the Speaker in the discharge of his functions etc., etc.

The Committee held a number of sittings in this connection but has not yet finalised its report.

## COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

The Committee on Subordinate Legislation which was constituted on 31ts August, 1956, has so far held only one meeting in which the question whether the Committee is competent to scrutinize even those rules framed by Government which are not required to be laid before the Assembly was examined and answered in the affirmative. It was accordingly decided that the Committee would scrutinize all the statutory rules framed since 1952.

## SELECT COMMITTEES

Select Committees were constituted on the following Bills pending before the Assembly :

1. The Punjab Prevention of Hindu Bigamous Marriages Bill, 1952.
2. The Punjab New Capital (Periphery) Control Bill, 1952.
3. The Punjab Restraint on Dowry and other expenses on Marriages Bill, 1952.
4. The Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 1953.
5. The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1954.

These Committees presented their reports on 1st October, 1953, 2nd December, 1952, 1st October, 1953 and 12th October, 1953, in respect of the first four Bills mentioned above. In regard to the last, a preliminary report was first presented on 2nd April, 1954 and the final report on 2nd November, 1954.

## JOINT SELECT COMMITTEES

The following Bills which originated in the Assemoly were, with the concurrence of the Legislative Council, referred to Joint Select Committees of the two Houses:—

1. The Punjab Gram Panchayat Bill, 1952.
2. The Punjab Betterment Charges and Acreage Rates Bill, 1952.
3. The Punjab Security of Land Tenures Bill, 1952.
4. The Punjab State Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill, 1953.
5. The Punjab Co-operative Societies Bill, 1954.
6. The Punjab Prevention of Ejectment Bill, 1954.

The reports of these Committees were presented to the Assembly on 21st November, 1952, 3rd December, 1952 and 24th February, 1953, in respect of the first three Bills. The First Preliminary Report, Second Preliminary Report and Third Preliminary Report in respect of the fourth were presented on 3rd October, 1955, 28th March, 1956 and 21st August, 1956, respectively. The report in respect of the fifth was presented on 1st November, 1954. The Preliminary Report and the Special Report in respect of the sixth were presented on 8th December, 1954 and 14th March, 1955, respectively.

The Assembly concurred in the motions for reference of the following Bill originating in the Legislative Council to Joint Select Committee :

The Punjab Hindu Dharam Asthan Bill, 1953.

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## IMPORTANT RULINGS/OBSERVATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

**Regarding a speech made by the Speaker (Dr. Satya Pal) at a Tea Party.**

A notice of an adjournment motion was given by some Communist Members alleging that the Speaker had made certain remarks about the Communist Party at a social function. The Speaker while refusing to give his consent made the following observations :

"Now the position is that if you think that I made that speech in the capacity of Speaker, then I would like to read out a rule to you which clearly indicates that it almost amounts to an offence to cast any reflection on the Speaker. If you think that I made that speech as a private gentleman then you have no business to bring it here in this House. I may tell the House that reflection upon the character or action of the Speaker may be punished as a breach of

privilege. Not only this, Speaker's action cannot be criticised incidentally in debate or in any form of procedure except by a substantive motion. Therefore, honestly speaking, this adjournment motion is an infringement of my privileges and instead of their censuring me I can confidently censure the sponsors of this motion because, they are guilty of insinuating or describing my action as unfair or illegal. The only redress for their complaint lies in bringing forward a substantive motion. If that is done, I would heartily welcome this move (Cheers).

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My hon. Friends can bring a substantive motion against me and give expression to their views. If I fail to convince the House and the House is of the opinion that because the man presiding over its deliberations must change his views and life-long convictions, then I should like to point out that I will go out like the proverbial 'marwari' who goes with a lota and a piece of string to Bombay or Calcutta to earn a living. They should not think that I have given up my small house, and if any price is to be paid for my convictions I am prepared to pay it" (Cheers).

(Debate, dated 16th June, 1952)

**Regarding misreporting of proceedings in a Newspaper**

It had come to the notice of the Speaker that some newspaper was publishing distorted reports of proceedings in the Assembly and had gone even to the extent of describing the House as a "fish market". The Speaker observed :—

"I have to make a reference to a very unpleasant affair. It has come to my notice that certain newspapers, and particularly one of them, published in this State, are persistently indulging in writings which are calculated to cast reflections upon the dignity of this House, the dignity of the Chair and bring a bad name to all of us. When I came to know some time back that it had gone to the length of describing this House as a 'fish market', I had in a letter addressed to the representatives of the press made a personal request to them that whatever the policy of their newspapers, they should not distort or misrepresent facts relating to the proceedings of this House. Now I find that a certain newspaper has given a garbled version of what I had stated in my letter under reference and even fun has been made of my statement. I am always here to keep the House in order. How can such things happen when I am there to conduct its proceedings.

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I have always held my journalist brethren in great regard and respect because I consider them to be a very valuable asset of our society. I am aware that the attitude of some newspapers is unfriendly towards us but we are not going to make a mercy appeal to them. Let them criticise us as they please but if they distort facts and attribute to this House things which have never happened, then, of course, they are a disgrace to the profession of journalism.

So I have to make this respectful submission to the representatives of the Press that while considering themselves free to criticise any person, party or policy, they should make it a point never to deviate from truthfulness in so far as the reporting of the proceedings of this House is concerned. If any newspaper will even after this respectful request continue to indulge in misrepresentation of facts relating to this House, I shall, much against my will, be compelled to set in motion the legal procedure against it and take steps which no journalist would like me to take."

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(Debate dated 1st July, 1952)

**Regarding publication in the Press of Resolutions, Bills, etc., before they are admitted**

Some newspapers had published in extenso a Bill the notice for moving which had been given by a Member even before it had been admitted by the Speaker :—

"I want to draw the pointed attention of the House to a matter of vital importance that no question, resolution or bill of which notice has been given by a Member should be given out for publication in the Press or otherwise until it has been admitted. Shri Kesho Dass, who has given notice of a Bill, has got printed copies of the same and he has circulated them. Perhaps he has done this due to ignorance of rules and regulations. It is highly objectionable and I would ask the hon. Members to remain careful in such matters in future."

(Debate dated 3rd July, 1952)

**Regarding Report of the Privileges Committee about demonstration held on 14th June, 1952.**

On 14th June, 1952, a short while before the commencement of the sitting of the Assembly a number of persons standing on the roadside below the Assembly Chamber were shouting slogans of a political character. The Speaker made a reference to the matter in the House and referred it to the Committee of Privileges which presented its report on 14th July, 1952. Before the House adopted the Report the Speaker made the following observations :—

"The hon. Members of the Opposition are of the opinion that even if an incident takes place at a distance of 15 yards from the House, no notice should be taken of it. The fact is that the demonstrators attempted to hurt the dignity of the House by shouting slogans in front of the Assembly Chamber. It is a clear breach of the privileges of the Members of the House."

If any body who has got any difference of opinion goes to the length of calling you names and shouts slogans against you in front of the Assembly Chamber, would it be possible for you to work in such a disquieting atmosphere ?

We just want to maintain the dignity of the House and protect the hon. Members from any kind of intimidation. The question is not whether a particular group of members regards it as an insult or not, but as to what the House thought of such a demonstration. We want that the atmosphere in the House should remain calm and quiet so that the hon. Members may be able to proceed with their work uninterrupted. I wish that Sardar Chanan Singh could understand the matter and realise its significance. I had hoped that the hon. Members would be unanimous in a matter concerning the dignity of the House and at least the Communist Members would have no objection. True, everybody should have the freedom of speech, but if the hon. Members of this House are called traitors and fifth-columnists in the very precincts of the Assembly Chamber, how can they be expected to discharge their duties satisfactorily ?

Their grievance is that they have not been given representation on the Privileges Committee. It is a fact that they have not been given representation but every body could not be appointed to work on that Committee."

(Debate dated 18th July, 1952)

**Throwing of challenges to Members or taunting them in the House is against the etiquette of the House. Nor is any distinction between one Member and another (on the basis of party) recognised in the House:**

"It is not proper to throw challenges to each other on the floor of the House. There is a convention in the House of Commons that no party or individual throws a challenge to the other. It is exclusively the concern of each party to choose its policy and programme, whether it is constructive or otherwise.

Then there is no distinction between one Member and another in the House whether big or small. Everybody has the same status and receives the same consideration here. I would, therefore, request the hon. Member not to indulge in these taunts."

(Debate dated 24th October, 1952)

**Regarding interruptions**

"The habit of making continuous interruptions is very undesirable, I wonder why the hon. Members do not exercise patience. I, therefore, wish to request you that in case an hon. Member says such things as do not appeal to you, you may keep a note of them and instead of making an interruption at once, give a reply in your own turn. The habit of interrupting in between is neither justified, nor dignified. I would, therefore, request particularly Sardar Chanan Singh Dhut to get rid of this habit but if he does not do that then others would be impelled to retaliate."

(Debate dated 3rd December, 1952)

**Reflection on the Chair**

To ask the Chair to hold the scales even in the matter of allowing time to Members of all parties is a reflection on the Chair and should be avoided.

(Debate dated 5th December, 1952)

**(i) Regarding maintenance of Dignity of the Chair.**

**(ii) Any document from which extracts are read out in the House by any Member should be placed on the Table except when it is a document accessible to all.**

**(iii) A notice of an adjournment motion during the Budget Session is not in order.**

**(iv) Criticism of the ideology of a political party is not a reflection upon any Member and, therefore, not a matter of breach of privilege.**

The Members of the Communist Party had given notice of an adjournment motion on 4th March, 1953, regarding some remarks made by the Chief Minister on the ideology of that party in the course of his reply to the debate on

the Governor's Address. This had been ruled out of order by the Speaker. The Communist Members, thereupon had issued a statement to the Press which was regarded by the Speaker as tantamount to criticism of his actions in the House in his observations as below—

"My attention has been drawn to a public statement issued by Sardar Chanan Singh Dhut justifying the walk-out of some members of this House the other day when the Chief Minister was replying to the two-day debate on the Governor's Address. While I make it clear that I am not concerned with all that he has said about the speech of the Chief Minister yet I feel hurt by his observation that I did not give him any protection. This is a clear charge of partiality against me. It is the pre-requisite of the successful working of every democratic legislature, be it in India or elsewhere, that the impartiality of the Speaker must be recognised and accepted and should not be questioned except on a substantive motion brought against him.

Reflection on the character of the Speaker and accusations of partiality in the discharge of his duty have always been deemed to be a contempt of the House and a violation of the privileges thereof and, therefore, have always been severely dealt with and heavily punished. This statement is not a solitary instance of accusations against the Speaker on the part of Sardar Chanan Singh. It is within my knowledge that he and some other Members have been carrying on a wild propaganda through the press and platform against the Speaker.

The House of Commons has always taken serious notice of such contempts and breaches of privilege and the Members who were responsible for such action had to apologise and withdraw their imputations at the risk of being suspended from Membership.

As we have to establish healthy conventions we should refrain from acts which affect the dignity of the Speaker and, therefore, of the House. I request the hon. Members to please strictly conform to the usages prevailing in democratic parliaments to respect the dignity and prestige of the House. I definitely state that such assaults and attacks will not be tolerated any more because I can never by any act of omission or commission let the dignity of this House suffer or its prestige lowered. Under the rules the Speaker is competent to refer such questions to a Committee of Privileges but I am not doing so in the hope that such breaches will not occur in future. I rely on the sense of responsibility of the Members. Nevertheless, I have no hesitation in saying that if such a situation arises it will be dealt with severely.

Besides this, it is very interesting to note that no such thing has happened since our Government came into power. We have searched and scrutinized old records and have come across only one instance analogous to the one which I have mentioned. In the United Punjab Legislative Assembly, Malik Barkat Ali, a leading member of that Assembly, used improper language against the then Deputy Speaker. These derogatory remarks appeared in the 'Tribune' as well. Then this matter came up before the House. I have no intention to go into the details but I would like to mention that the then Premier, despite his intimate relations with Malik Barkat Ali, stated (I quote his exact words) that—

"I regard it as a gross insult to the Chair. I want the hon. Member concerned to withdraw it."

After a long discussion, Malik Barkat Ali, who stood charged with disrespect to the Chair, stated like this :—

"I assure you that I did not mean any disrespect to the Chair. The Chair has always stood adorned all these years by a Speaker of your unrivalled experience and knowledge of Parliamentary practice.

Although, Malik Barkat Ali, was a lawyer of outstanding ability, yet he admitted that—

"The words fell from my lips in the heat and excitement of the moment and I unreservedly and gladly withdraw them. I assure you and the Deputy Speaker that no insult of any kind was intended by me."

My object in citing these extracts is to impress upon the hon. Members that if such a thing happens again then any Member insulting the Chair will do so at his own risk.

Besides this, there is yet another thing of which I would like to make a mention and that is this. You will remember that yesterday an Adjournment Motion was put forward and I declared it out of order. In this connection it may be stated that during the Budget Session no motion of this kind can be admitted. This is the ruling of a Speaker of the United Punjab Legislative Assembly also. So this has been a convention.

Then, it was demanded by certain Members that the document from which the Chief Minister quoted references should be placed on the Table of the House. I have made a search for the authorities under which this can be done. It is stated that if the Chief Minister or any Minister reads from a document which is not accessible to the hon. Members because of its being a Government document, then he is compelled to place it on the Table. But if he quotes from a newspaper or a book which is easily available in the market then the Chair cannot compel him to put that newspaper or that book on the Table of the House.

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But what I maintain is that if the Chief Minister is reading out extracts from a document to which the public has no access, the members have a right to see it. In that case that document will have to be placed on the Table of the House.

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The other point which has been raised is that the Chief Minister is guilty of criticising the ideology of a political party and its hero and this is tantamount to a breach of privilege of the House. I have carefully gone into this matter and have arrived at the conclusion that the Chief Minister has not been guilty of any breach of privilege of the House. He never mentioned the name of any Member. If he had done so, then that Member could seek the protection of the Speaker by asking the Chief Minister either to make a specific charge against him or to withdraw those remarks. In case of non-compliance of such a request the matter could be regarded as a breach of privilege.

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I am glad that the Communist Members have expressed themselves fully on the subject. However, I have no intention to prolong this matter and I drop it here. I would advise the hon. Members that in future either they should talk to me in the Chamber or else raise whatever matter they wish during the sitting of the House. They should make it a point not to rush to the Press or discuss any of the matters pertaining to the House on a public platform. They should remember it well that by making allegations against their Speaker, they in a way indulge in mud-slinging upon themselves."

(Debate dated 5th March, 1953)

**Regarding undesirable references to the Head of a State or to a foreign country : Such references should not be made, though there is no harm in citing examples of other countries.**

" I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Members to an important matter. It is not proper that any undesirable reference should be made to the Head of the State or to any country with which our country has friendly relations. Such a wish was expressed from the Chair in the course of the last session also. I may repeat that no hon. Member should refer to any foreign country in terms which may indicate even a hint of contempt though there is no harm in citing examples of other countries."

(Debate dated 30th September, 1953.)

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**Speaker as a result of Constitutional conventions entitled to be consulted about the date of the Session as also about the venue of the Session.**

Shri Prabodh Chandra, Chief Parliamentry Secretary had on the 20th July, 1953, issued a statement to the Press regarding the shifting of the Assembly from Simla to Chandigarh and had alleged that the matter was solely within the purview of the Governor and that consultation with the Speaker was nowhere laid down in law. He had also made certain remarks about the House Committee which had been entrusted by the Speaker to report on this matter. Pandit Shri Ram Sharma, a Member, had given notice of a Privilege Motion in this connection on 6th October, 1953. After ascertaining that the impugned statement had, in fact, been issued by Shri Prabodh Chandra the Speaker, though refusing his consent to the moving of the motion, made the following observations :—

" Pandit Shri Ram Sharma asked on the 6th October, 1953, for my permission to raise a question of privilege in regard to a statement alleged to have been issued by the Chief Parliamentry Secretary in the issue of the Tribune, dated the 20th July, 1953.

I have ascertained that the statement was in fact issued by the Chief Parliamentary Secretary. I have read this statement very carefully and I find that while mentioning the saving in expenditure that will accrue to the Government in consequence of the move of its offices from Simla to Chandigarh, he unnecessarily raised a constitutional point also. So far as his reference to Section 174 of the Constitution is concerned, I concede that legally speaking it is the Governor, who fixes the venue of the Assembly Session but so far as the time honoured practice and constitutional conventions are concerned they have accorded to the Speaker a status which Shri Prabodh Chandra's statement made a futile attempt to belittle. There are no precedents where the venue of the session of a Legislative House may have been thus changed.

The Speaker who is entitled to be consulted as to when the House should meet is equally entitled to be consulted when so momentous a decision as the one referred to in this statement is taken.

I, therefore, hold that the Speaker is, under constitutional conventions, entitled to be consulted not only in regard to the date of the meeting of the Assembly but also in regard to the venue of the Assembly. In this view, I am fully supported by those who can speak with authority on this question and whose opinion really matters.

The Chief Parliamentary Secretary, possibly in his anxiety to support the Leader, has even gone to the extent of saying things which amount to a reflection on the Speaker and the Members of the House Committee. It is very clear that Shri

Prabodh Chandra has stated that the Speaker as well as the Members of the House Committee were deliberately misstating the position in their anxiety to oppose the move to Chandigarh. I feel that there cannot be any nationalist worth his salt who can even by a whisper oppose the shifting of the Capital from Simla to Chandigarh and I, therefore, regard such a charge against me as not only false but entirley misleading. So far as the Members of the House Committee are concerned, they have through their Reports, which have been put up to me, convinced me that they have taken a right stand. I am extremely grateful to them. To ascribe any evil intentions or ulterior motives to these hon. Members is no less offensive and painful than the insult offered to me. But as the Chairman of this Committee so very generously condoned this attack on the Committee I will not say any more about it, though I do hold that even in regard to its reference to the Committee the statement of the Chief Parliamentary Secretary amounts to a breach of privilege.

I would like to make it clear that reflections upon the character, actions or motives of the Speaker are breaches of privileges and are punishable as such, more so when such reflections give a clue to some newspapers in making unbecoming, improper, undignified and undesirable comments regarding the conduct of Speaker. I would like to add that I was subjected as a result of this statement to gross misrepresentation by a section of the Press and had to refer this matter to the Chairman of the Press Gallery Committee. On his assurance that he had taken suitable action in the matter, I decided to drop the matter.

In brief, my finding is that the statement in question by casting a reflection on me and imputing motives not only to me but the Members of the House Committee as well amounted to a contempt of this House as also a serious breach of privilege. I, however, do not wish to proceed further with this matter and do not allow this question of privilege to be raised."

(Debate dated 8th October, 1953.)

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**Regarding Adjournment Motions**

Notices of adjournment motions during the Budget Session are not in order as the subject matter of such motions can be discussed either during the general discussion of the Budget or during the discussion of Demands of Grants.

(Debate dated 9th March 1954.)

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An adjournment motion seeking to discuss the affairs of autonomous bodies not under the control of the Government, such as the University, is not in order.

(Debate dated 29th March, 1954.)

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**Privilege : its definition, its limitations.**

Privilege is a fundamental right of the House and of individual Members against the prerogatives and rights of other authorities which is generally accepted as necessary for the exercise of its constitutional functions by the House.

A breach of privilege is a contempt.

The House in the enjoyment of its privileges cannot and should not infringe or restrict the right of freedom of speach and expression of any other body or individual unless that exercise violates in any way the dignity or prestige of the House.

(Debate dated 19th May, 1954.)

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**Chief Parliamentary Secretary should not ask Supplementary Questions.**

Chief Parliamentary Secretary being a Member of the Government and supplying information, as he does, on various matters on behalf of the Government should not as such ask supplementary questions.

(Debate dated 20th May, 1954.)

**Refusal to put a Question standing in the name of a Member.**

Every Member is duty-bound to ask his questions unless he gives prior notice for their cancellation. It is an insult to the Chair if a Member, present in the House, refuses to ask his questions.

(In this case the Member had earlier used words to which the Speaker had taken objection and regarded them as an insult. The Member had been ordered to withdraw those words but he had not withdrawn them. It was to signify his protest against the ruling of the Chair that the Member persistently refused, on his questions being called to put them.)

(Debate dated 25th March, 1954.)

**Regarding reflection on the character or actions of the Speaker.**

"Reflections on the character or actions of the Speaker amount to breaches of privilege and his action cannot be criticised even incidentally in debate or upon any form of proceedings except by a substantive motion".

To say, therefore, that the Speaker replies on behalf of the Government or that he speaks too much amounts to criticism of the Speaker's action and is a breach of privilege.

(Debates dated 25th March, 1954 and 26th March, 1954.)

**Speaker's prerogative to interpret procedure and practice ;**

**Speaker's rulings constitute precedents ;**

**Speaker's rulings not open to criticism or challenge ;**

**Speaker's actions can be criticised only on a substantive motion ;**

**Conditions of admissibility of Adjournment motions ;**

**Not necessary to read out notice of an adjournment motion ;**

**Speaker can refuse consent to an adjournment motion without assigning any reasons.**

A Member of the House had addressed letters to the Speakers of the Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies of other States in which he had questioned the validity of the rulings given by the Speaker on the adjournment motions of which he had from time to time given notices. With his letter he had also enclosed the copies of the Adjournment motions which had been ruled out of order. The Speaker had been sent these letters by the Speakers who had been addressed by the Member for such action as he might deem fit to take. He observed as follows :—

"Honourable Members, before we commence any further business I have to discharge my responsibility to you by bringing to your notice a matter in which one

Member of this House addressed communications to Speakers of other Legislatures questioning the validity of the rulings of this Chair in regard to Adjournment Motions. It is only by doing so that I can vindicate the honour and authority of this House. You have to take great care to maintain and even enhance the Speaker's prestige. If his prestige and authority have been jeopardised your prestige and authority have suffered.

2. Honourable Members, by electing me to this office you have been pleased to entrust me with responsibilities , in particular those of maintaining the multitude of your powers and privileges. Reflections on the actions of the Speaker are breaches of your privileges, the protection and preservation of which are the fundamentals of parliamentary democracy which, in this country, we have all chosen to follow. Were it not so, the common endeavour in which we all are close partners would be frittered away, and the object of Article 194 of our Constitution which defines our privileges would be completely frustrated.

3. It is axiomatic that none of us can, in the enjoyment of his individual privileges, offend against the individual privileges of others or the privileges of the Speaker, or the privileges of the House except by sacrifice of accepted canons of Parliamentary practice and procedure. The dignity and prestige of the Legislature and of its Presiding Officer as its representative must not be violated, for, of all organs of the State, the Legislature is entitled to the highest pre-eminence.

4. We are able to discharge the responsibilities entrusted to us by regulating our debate and deliberations in accordance with procedure as contained in our Rules and practice which is governed by precedents. The interpretation of procedure and precedents is the prerogative of the Presiding Officer ; in our case, the Speaker, and the rulings that he gives, constitute precedents by which subsequent Speakers, Members and Officers are guided. I might add here that these rulings are not open to challenge by any one, for if it were otherwise the whole process of debate would degenerate into either uncertainty or confusion.

5. With this elucidation of parliamentary law and conventions I have to perform the distressing duty of placing before you the matter of the communication addressed by an Hounourable Member of this House, namely, Pandit Shri Ram Sharma, on the subject of adjournment motions, to the Speakers of the Lok Sabha and of Legislative Assemblies in other States in which among other things he had said :—

> " It would be interesting to find that not a single adjournment motion has been held in order by the Speaker of the Punjab Legislative Assembly since the present Assembly came into being.
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> Whether any of the following motions can ordinarily be considered in order ",

and he had appended a list of about a dozen notices of adjournment motions which he had given to me during two days of the May Session of this year and which you will find from the proceedings of the Assembly had been disallowed by me on various grounds.

6. I cannot reconcile myself to a possible suggestion that so experienced a Member as Pandit Shri Ram Sharma is, would not have a clear idea of the law on the subject of adjournment motions. He should be aware of the potency of this constitutional weapon, and, on account of the consequences that might ensue from it, of the restrictions on the moving of such motions.

7. As is well-known the subject matter of such a motion must be definite, must be urgent, must be of public, as distinct from individual, importance, must relate to a recent happening, must involve more than the ordinary administration of law, must not be anticipatory and so on. It is not obligatory on the Speaker to read out the notice of the motions, if he holds that it is not admissible, he may even refuse the motion without assigning any reasons. Nevertheless, as a matter of courtesy I had been giving, at first a gist of each motion, later the whole motion itself and the reasons for which I held the motion inadmissible. That should have been the end of the matter.

8. The Honourable Member, however, unconstitutionally resorted to communications to other Speakers and by the wording of his letter not only challenged the decisions of the Speaker but also brought my late predecessor Dr. Satyapal as well as myself into contempt by implying accusations against us of partiality in the discharge of our duties. Such conduct on the part of a Member has, in large numbers of cases arising in the House of Commons, been held as amounting to a breach of privilege. Such cases date back to 1772 but I shall confine myself to recent cases only, such as, Mr. Wedgwood and Mr. Ginnel, C.J. (1911) 34,36, H.C. Deb. (1911) 21, CC. 1435, 1553; Mr. Pointer H.C. Deb (1911), 29, C 34 ; and the Daily Worker C.J. (1937-38) 213.

9. Honourable Members, you are aware that our privileges, till they are defined by law, are the same as those of the British House of Commons and these cases, therefore, lay down the law in this connection in unmistakable terms.

10. The Honourable Member could have discussed the action of the Speaker, if he had so desired, on a substantive motion moved in the House and not by a communication addressed to others.

11. Honourable Members, your prestige, your powers, your rights and your privileges have been challenged by an affront offered to your Speaker. This affront, I view, not merely with a great deal of disapproval but also with grave concern, specially because an experienced Parliamentarian and old Member of this House has been responsible for it. His act of subjecting the Speaker's decisions to the scrutiny of an outside authority is tantamount to disrespect to the House and a challenge to our democratic institutions. Our democracy is yet in its infancy and any attempts to retard its growth have to be viewed with alarm and suitably checked. I, therefore, hold that the Member has committed contempt of the House by his effort to hamper and harass the Chair in the performance of its functions impartially and constitutionally. I am not, however, referring this matter to any Committee for I have the inherent right to take action in matters of this nature without any previous order of the House. Accordingly I administer a strong warning to him."

(Debate dated 1st November, 1954.)

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**Whether discussion on a Bill seeking to replace an Ordinance should be postponed in favour of a resolution disapproving the Ordinance.**

A Member had given notices of Resolutions disapproving Ordinances Nos. 3, 5 and 8 of 1954, time for discussing which had not yet been allotted when on the 12th November, 1954, Bills replacing the Ordinances were placed on the Agenda. The Member objected on the ground that his resolutions were entitled to prior discussion.

The Speaker observed that neither the Constitution nor the Rules laid it down as an obligation that when the notice of a resolution was pending a Bill on the same subject could not be proceeded with nor was there any legal provision by virtue of which the Bill was vitiated by an absence of discussion on the Resolution.

(Debate dated 12th November, 1954. )

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## Regarding sitting of the Assembly after mid-night.

On 12th November, 1954, the motion "that the proceedings on the items of business fixed for today be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of the Rule "Sittings of the Assembly." had been carried. Immediately after mid-night a Member objected that the Assembly in view of the motion as carried could not validly transact the business on the Agenda for the 12th November.

The Speaker ruled that the items of business fixed for the meeting of the Assembly on 12th November, 1954, were exempted by the decision of the Assembly itself, without specifying any time limit, from the provisions of the Rule "Sittings of the Assembly" ; and the business specified in the motion could not be interrupted but had to be completed before the Assembly could adjourn regardless of the hour. He referred to the clear wording of Rule 12 and to May's Parliamentary Practice. He, therefore, overruled the objection and directed that the proceedings shall continue.

(Debate dated 12th November, 1954.)

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## Regarding the circumstances which led the Speaker to adjourn the House on 29th March, 1955.

On the 29th March, 1955, a Member of the Opposition on discussion on the Appropriation Bill No. 2 of 1955 started his speech with a list of allegations against a Minister which he was reading out from a paper in his hands. The Speaker called him to order but he persisted. There were angry shouts in the House and there was complete disorder. The Speaker's orders went unheeded. He thereupon directed the Serjeant-at-Arms to take the paper from the Member. At this there ensued a great deal of noise. The Speaker was forced to suspend the sitting for half an hour. When the House reassembled he made the following observations :—

"I am extremely sorry that short while ago such a scene was created in this House as never before during which the decorum and dignity were completely ignored. This was one of its own kind in the history of this House. I never thought that parliamentarians like the hon. Members of this House would ignore the Rulings of the Chair in such a way as though neither the Speaker nor his authority existed. I may point out that this honourable House, of which you are the Members, has framed certain Rules for the conduct of its Business, and on the due observance of these Rules depends its prestige. In fact the people outside will judge us only in the light of how we conduct ourselves under these Rules.

I feel that not only do I regret but that all of us must be regretting the unhappy incident that took place in this House, which provides us with opportunities to deliberate together. An attitude was adopted which was not in keeping with its prestige and dignity.

I am particularly sorry that in spite of my having repeated rulings and orders to the hon. Member not to repeat and to resume his seat, he did not do so. I called upon another Member to speak. The hon. Member did not heed my order, but kept standing and continued to attempt to read from a paper. At this there was an uproar in the House. Some hon. Members interfered and ignored the Ruling of the the Chair. I am deeply grieved. I may assure the House that whatever Business is transacted here will be transacted according to the Rules.

Rules have been framed for the conduct of business in this House. Hon. Members have been following them. I can not comprehend what special reasons there were today for these Rules having been defied. I wish to state that I am not prepared to tolerate this kind of attitude.

I repeatedly asked Shri Saigal to resume his seat. I also pointed out to him that if he disobeyed the Ruling of the Chair, he would be made to withdraw from the House. But he continued speaking amidst deafening noise in the House and disobeying the Ruling of the Chair. It is possible that my orders may not have been audible to him in that uproar. At this the Serjeant-at-Arms was asked to go to the Member, ask him to resume his seat and bring the paper from which he was reading.

I resorted to this because I knew that Shri Saigal was an old, respected and experienced Member who had for the freedom of the Country made several sacrifices. That was why I asked the Serjeant-at-Arms to convey to him my message to resume his seat and bring the paper. But before any word could pass between the Serjeant-at-Arms and Shri Saigal, Shri Mani Ram came in between. I strongly deprecate the action of Shri Mani Ram Bagri. He interfered in the carrying out of my orders to the Serjeant-at-Arms. His interference has resulted considerably in the contempt of this House. He not only disobeyed the Ruling and authority of the Chair but also interfered in the carrying out of it.

I had asked the Serjeant-at-Arms to bring the paper because I felt that this was a better course than the one of removing him from the Chamber by force. I did not wish to place him in an awkward position because of his being a " buzurg " and experienced. As you are aware the hon. Member kept standing in spite of my orders. Hon. Members from the Opposition Benches encouraged him by thumping their Benches.

As far as Shri Mani Ram Bagri is concerned, he has committed contempt of the Chair for which he should express his regret. He must do so or else I shall be obliged to take action against him according to Rules and he may have to withdraw from the House.

I would also like to point out that Appropriation Bill is before the House today. Under the Rules a day is specially allotted for the consideration of this Bill and it is to be passed today. I have also to apply the guillotine in this connection today. You have already discussed the General Budget and the Demands for Grants. These very Demands are there in the Appropriation Bill. I am afraid I can not permit discussion of a matter for oblique purposes which Rules forbid. I have to keep the dignity of this House high, and I expect that you will also do the same. Otherwise there is bound to be unpleasantness."

(Debate dated 29th March, 1955)

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**Regarding the question of privilege raised by Pandit Shri Ram Sharma on 30th March, 1955 in connection with the alleged snatching away of papers.**

"I thought that this matter stood closed after I had made my statement yesterday on a similar question of privilege. I also feel that there is no occasion for this question of privilege when a similar one had already come before the House. Since the hon. Member has sent notice of it, I have again obtained an opportunity to explain the whole position so that there be no possibility of any further misunderstanding.

First of all I take the matter about the Serjeant-at-Arms. In this connection the hon. Member Pandit Shri Ram Sharma read out portions from the Act dealing with the duties and functions of the Serjeant-at-Arms. Perhaps, he did not see another section of the same Act which states that the Serjeant-at-Arms is also an officer of the House. For his benefit, I will read that out—

> " The duties of the Serjeant-at-Arms and his deputies, if any shall be to attend on the Speaker, to keep doors of the Assembly building and to execute the orders given by the Speaker under Section 4, for which purposes they may enlist to their aid such servants of the Government or of the Assembly as they may consider necessary ".

So far as the Serjeant-at-Arms is concerned, it is clear that he is an officer of the House in the same way as the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary.

Yesterday when the hon. Member, Shri Saigal, was reading out something from a paper I told him at the outset that if that was the charge-sheet which the Opposition was seeking to bring against a Minister, then that was not relevant to the motion before the House. In this connection I asked him not once but several times to abstain from reading it. But I am sorry to say that despite my repeated requests and also the fact that I had called upon another hon. Member to speak, he continued his attempt to read from the document.

Shri Saigal is an old Member of this House, an elderly gentleman and one who has made many sacrifices during this Country's struggle for freedom. Keeping these facts in mind, I did not wish that a situation should arise in which the Member may have to be bodily removed from the House.

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I adopted a less unpleasant course. There was so much noise in the House that nothing could be heard. Shri Saigal, as I have said, despite my repeated warnings continued to attempt to read out from the paper he had and neither looked at me, nor heeded my orders. I drew his attention to my orders but he did not care. In these peculiar circumstances I asked the Serjeant-at-Arms to go to the hon. Member, convey my message to him that he should resume his seat and bring to me the paper he had.

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I made it clear yesterday that I had not asked him to "snatch" the paper. Once again I say that I did not ask the Serjeant-at-Arms at all to "snatch" the papers from the hon. Member. The instructions given to him were that he should go to the seat of the Member, request him to resume his seat and bring the paper he had, to me. When ordered to do so, it was the duty of the Serjeant-at-Arms to go to the Member, convey my request and bring the paper to me quietly. But in executing my orders the Serjeant-at-Arms, perhaps, mistakenly thought that he had to bring that paper at all costs. If the Serjeant-at-Arms had followed my orders clearly, no misunderstanding about their scope would have arisen. It was to remove this misunderstanding that I called one of the official reporters to read out his report to the House to show you whether I had used the words "ले आओ" or "खोह लाओ" It is also this misunderstanding which we are regretting.

Since yesterday I have had time to think over the whole matter. I feel that it was an incident of its own kind in the history of this Legislature. We cannot be proud of it in any manner. We are on the other hand extremely sorry for it.

Besides, I would like to inform you that our Serjeant-at-Arms is not a trained Officer so far as his duties in this House are concerned. His services are utilized only during the Sessions. In fact, the question of appointing a Chief Watch and Ward Officer on a whole time basis came up before us. If I had appointed an officer on a whole time basis we would have had to pay him for the whole year whereas his services are required only during the periods when the Sabha is in Session. Therefore, I decided to appoint an Officer for the duration of the Session only, so that we would effect some saving and an officer would be available if an unhappy incident like the one yesterday occurred who could act courteously and politely. Accordingly we appointed an officer with polite and dignified manners.

In the performance of his duties in the House yesterday if he has in any way made a mistake and you have felt it, I may tell you that I have also not liked it. However, I assure you that I will myself take action in the matter and inform you of whatever action, I take. I can assure you that the action I take will satisfy all. I want to state categorically that I shall not under any circumstances or at any cost

let the prestige of this House suffer for I am alive to the fact that my dignity and prestige depend upon your prestige and dignity. I do not wish to condone the lapse of any one which might hurt the dignity and prestige of this House (*Cheers*). I feel that it is my foremost duty not only to safeguard your prestige but also to enhance it. No one can be more anxious than I to maintain the standard of the parliamentary debate and the decorum of the House. I shall do my utmost to secure it and shall not falter. In these circumstances, I would request you not to pursue this matter any further. I would ask the hon. Member Pandit Shri Ram Sharma to come to my Chamber and I am confident that I will be able to satisfy him. My ruling, therefore on this question of privilege is the same as was given yesterday."

(Debate dated the 30th March, 1955)

**Control over the Public Accounts Committee: Status of Members of the Punjab Legislative Council associated with the Committee.**

When the Chief Minister moved the motion on 21st April, 1955, regarding the association of three Members of the Punjab Legislative Council with the Public Accounts Committee of the Assembly the Speaker made the following observations—

"I wish to make a few observations in regard to the motion moved by the Chief Minister (on the subject of nomination of 3 Members from the Council to associate with the Public Accounts Committee of this House). He has also made certain observations while moving the motion. We will follow the pattern prevailing in the Lok Sabha. There should, therefore, be no doubt in the minds of the Members of this House about who shall control the Public Accounts Committee consisting of Members of this Sabha and the Members to be associated with it by the Council if this motion is carried here and concurred in by the Legislative Council. The whole body would be under the control of the Speaker. All the Members, however, would have equal status so far as the deliberations and voting and other things in the Committee are concerned. The control would be that of the Speaker. The Gazette notification of the Members who are nominated by the Council to serve on this Committee would, like the notification of Members elected by this House, be issued by the Secretariat of this Sabha.

Since it is a Committee of this House, the Report of the Committee shall be presented only to this House.

The position is consistent with the position which has been adopted in Parliament at the Centre."

(Debate dated 21st April, 1955)

**What is leakage of the budget:**

(A Member had given notice of his intention to move a motion relating to the breach of privilege of the House arising out of budget documents having been made available to the Press before the presentation of the Budget for 1955-56 to the Assembly).

"The hon. Member (Maulvi Abdul Ghani) says that leakage has taken place due to copies of the Budget proposals having been made available to the press in advance of their presentation to this Assembly.

It is an old convention dating back, I believe, to 1937 to give advance copies to the Press and this concession to the Press has not so far been abused. The same practice holds good in other States and even at the Centre. The Press is as important a part of the democratic organisation as any Legislative Chamber. It is always taken into confidence in important matters. We are all engaged in a common endeavour, which is the service of the common man.

Leakage is that which leaks out. The Member has not shown that any leakage has taken place which might have had the effect of upsetting the financial markets of the State.

I, therefore, hold that there has been no leakage as such and accordingly refuse to give consent to the moving of this motion. I would, however, suggest that the Government might examine its present practice in this connection".

(Debate dated 11th March, 1955)

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**Regarding disposal of office files by an officer while sitting in the Officers' Gallery.**

A member had taken objection to an officer sitting in the Officer's Gallery disposing of his files on the grounds that doing so disturbed the Members and was disrespectful to the House. (It may be mentioned that the Officers' Gallery is so situated that though railed off any one sitting in it is in the full view of the House). The Speaker observed as follows—

"The other day an hon. Member of this House brought to my notice the fact that an officer of the Government sitting in the Officers' Gallery was disposing of his files and thereby showing discourtesy to the House.

I have very carefully considered the question whether Galleries are a part of the Chamber or not and I have come to the conclusion that they are those parts of the House which are not appropriated to the use of Members. Nevertheless, Officers and other visitors who are present in them must observe proper decorum and show proper courtesy to the House.

While I do not object to Officers noting down points which arise in the House in debate for assisting their Ministers and also referring to files to find suitable answers thereto for submission to their Ministers, I am of the view that disposal of files apart from its being a disturbing factor to the Members sitting in the House amounts also to a disrespect to it.

If Officers wish to dispose of their files, the proper place for them to do so is not the Officers' Gallery of the House but their own office rooms. They come here in the discharge of their duty, namely, to assist their Ministers and their work in this Gallery must remain confined to that alone".

(Debate dated 15th March, 1955)

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**Dignity of the Chair : holding out threats through Press most undesirable.**

An attempt had been made on one occasion to read out charges against a Minister in the course of a speech on an Appropriation Bill. The Speaker had disallowed it observing that that should be done, if desired, according to procedure. In this connection a certain news item had appeared in the Press. The Speaker had observed as follows—

"My attention has been drawn to a news item published in the "Prabhat" bearing the date 20th of April, 1955, stating in effect that the Opposition in their attempt to read charges of corruption against a Minister would, if necessary, resort to protest and offer Satyagrah if they are stopped from doing so.

My attention has also been drawn to a news item published in the "Hind Samachar" bearing the date 17th of April, 1955 in which it has been hinted that their attempt to read charges against Ministers in the Assembly, if resisted by the Speaker, would make the Opposition disobey his authority.

I deeply regret the publication of news items of this nature, aimed as they are at belittling and even setting at naught the authority and dignity of the Chair. Hon. Members should be aware that the Speaker's duty is of a very delicate nature because it has always been his greatest endeavour to conduct the proceedings of this august House in accordance with the principles which have been laid down in our procedural rules. Any attempt, near or remote, to depart from the dictates of those rules cannot be tolerated, for if that were tolerated the proceedings of this House would suffer from a great deal of confusion and uncertainty.

If the intention of some Members by getting such news items published is to hold out threats then all I can say is that they are only trying to strangle democracy which is so far in its initial stages.

Lest there be any misunderstanding in the mind of any one I want to make it clear that if any Member wishes to read any charges against any Minister he should do so in accordance with the clear provisions of the rules and not otherwise. If he attempts to read them contrary to procedure, he will be stopped from doing so as happened on the last occasion.

I shall make an independent enquiry as to how news items of this nature get published in newspapers, for publication of such news is contempt of the Speaker. I shall also consult the Press Gallery Committee and take such action against the said newspaper as may be deemed necessary."

(Debate dated 19th April, 1955.)

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**Rescission of decision by the House.**

The decision of the House carrying an amendment to a Clause of a Bill was rescinded on a motion moved for the purpose and carried. A Member rising on a point of order asked if this rescission by the House was valid. The Speaker held—

"A decision of the House can be rescinded by a regular motion at any time and that the House is fully competent to discuss, accept or reject that motion."

(Debate dated 4th October, 1955.)

**Public Accounts Committee : its status and its functions, matters pending before the Committee should not be brought before the House, reflections on it amount to contempt of the House.**

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The Irrigation and Power Minister in answer to Starred Question No. 4707 had laid his reply on the Table of the House on 21st March, 1955. It was alleged by some Members that the reply contained remarks derogatory to the Public Accounts Committee, and they gave notice of their intention to raise a question of Privilege on this score. The Irrigation and Power Minister tendered an unconditional apology to the House. The Speaker, however, made the following observations—

"Notice, as the hon. Members are aware, was received on the 22nd of March, 1955, seeking to raise a question of privilege on the ground that the statement placed by the Irrigation and Power Minister on the Table of the House in answer to Starred Assembly Question No. 4707 attacked the *bona fides* of the Public Accounts Committee and contained remarks which were derogatory to its dignity. At the request of the Chief Minister, I postponed my decision on the question."

I have been able to utilize this interval that has elapsed since the receipt of the notice in scrutinising the disputed statement. There is no doubt in my mind that it contains remarks and observations which should not have been made, as being derogatory to the dignity and constitutional importance of the Public Accounts Committee.

This Committee is constituted by this House for each financial year to examine the accounts showing the appropriation of the sums granted by this House to meet the expenditure of the State Government. The functions of the Committee extend, however, beyond the formality of the expenditure to its "wisdom, faithfulness and economy." It acts not only as a check upon extravagant, irregular or unauthorised expenditure but also upon unwise methods of management. Its duties are, therefore, onerous and their performance, sometimes perhaps, not relished by some individual officers. But that I cannot conceive as a justification for an affront offered to the integrity and high sense of public duty of the Committee, for an affront offered to the Committee is an affront to the House.

In this particular case, it appears the Committee's observations in regard to the Bhakra Canals Administration engendered in the minds of the Engineers a feeling of antagonism against the Committee which they took this opportunity to express in this oblique manner. While this kind of hostile and insulting observations in reference to the Committee must be deprecated in the strongest terms the Ministers and their departmental heads must show due regard to all the Committees of the House and their observations. I am glad that the Chief Minister and the Minister for Irrigation and Power have made suitable amends to this House and the Public Accounts Committee by offering adequate regrets for the inadvertent action on the part of the Irrigation and Power Minister in placing on the Table a note prepared by his Department without having gone through it. He has assured the House that he meant no disparagement to the Committee and that the statement that he intended to place was not the one that was in fact placed. That statement was handed over by him to me and passed on by me to the Public Accounts Committee. The Public Accounts Committee had a meeting yesterday in this connection and its proceedings which

have been put up to me evince its resentment. It has been said that the statement, since it was submitted to it for scrutiny, should not have been laid before the House. I also think that it was not proper for him to have laid even that statement on the Table as it was under examination of the Public Accounts Committee. Let it be understood that the reports which the departments wish to submit in relation to the observations of the Public Accounts Committee must be submitted to the Committee itself, and not directly to the House.

In view of the amends made by the Irrigation and Power Minister, as I have said, the matter need not be pursued any further. I therefore, do not give my consent to the raising of this question of privilege."

(Debate dated 25th March, 1955.)

**Chair's decision: no outside interference.**

"I may tell you that Members having different viewpoints come to me in my Chamber and give their views. But the Chair is not connected with or prejudiced against any viewpoint. The Chair will act as it deems fit. No Member has a right to interfere in its decision. If certain suggestions are worthy of acceptance, the Chair will think over them. But no outside interference can be permitted in its decisions. I will do as I think fit. This is my discretion."

(Debate dated 25th November, 1955.)

**Privilege Motion : decision of the House. Addressing outside authorities against the decisions of the House is a breach of Privilege.**

A Member had given notice of a privilege motion regarding the leakage of the Budget. The Speaker had given his consent but the House had refused to grant leave to the moving of the motion. Notwithstanding the decision of the House the Member had addressed letters to outside authority asking, in effect, their intervention in the matter. The Speaker on hearing about this matter made the following observations—

"Hon. Members, before we commence the business of the day, I have to discharge my responsibility to you by bringing to your notice a matter in which an hon. Member of this House addressed a communication, part of which was couched in objectionable terms, to outsiders, in which this hon. House has already taken a decision.

You may recall that on the 14th of March, 1956, Shri Balu had given notice to raise a question involving a breach of privilege of the House on the alleged leakage of the Budget. You may also remember that I had already held the matter proposed to be discussed as being in order and had put it to the House for leave. You may further remember that only one Member, namely, Shri Balu himself had stood up in favour of leave being granted and, therefore, the member did not have the leave of the House to raise this question of privilege.

Notwithstanding this decision of the House, this hon. Member addressed communications, as I have said, to outsiders such as the President of the Indian National Congress, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha and the Home Minister to the Union Government of India in the following objectionable terms :—

'With due respect I beg to draw your attention to the following very serious and important matter for necessary action as well as for future vigilance and check...............'

Under the Rules of Procedure of the House, the question of admissibility of a privilege motion is a matter entirely within the sole jurisdiction of this House and that when this question has already been decided by the House an approach by a member to outsiders, however, highly placed they may be, is tantamount to a reflection on the decision of this House and he commits contempt of the House. I, therefore, hold that Shri Balu by his act of addressing communication to outside authorities criticising the decision of this House and inviting outside aid for action, vigilance and check on this House, has committed contempt of this House. The proper course for the member would have been to move this House itself to rescind its decision if he was dissatisfied with it rather than reflect on it publicly.

This is a serious matter and I should have referred it to the Committee of Privileges for examination but in view of the fact that the Member being recently elected is as yet not experienced enough in the method of parliamentary democracy and was possibly not aware of the serious consequences of his indiscretion, I am content with issuing him a warning."

(Debate dated 4th April, 1956.)

# APPENDIX I

## NON-OFFICIAL BILLS

1. **The Punjab Restraint on Dowry and Other Expenses On Marriages Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 23rd October, 1952 ; passed on 2nd April, 1954).

This Bill was intended to check the growing evil of extravagant dowries in marriages.

2. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 1953.** (Introduced on 12th March, 1953 ; passed on 15th April, 1953).

This Bill enabled a person, aggrieved by the findings of the Board given under Section 52 of the principal, Act, to appeal to the Commission for setting aside such findings and empowered the Board to elect a new Executive Committee in place of the existing one if it ceased to enjoy the confidence of the Board.

3. **The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill , 1956.** (Introduced on 3rd April, 1956,; passed on 12th April, 1956).

The Bill provided that an Improvement Trust in the State may abandon a scheme to meet the ever rising and quick needs of the public for constructing their own houses.

It also gave the right of appeal to property owners against the order of the Tribunal constituted under section 58 of the principal Act.

## APPENDIX II

## OFFICIAL BILLS PASSED BY THE PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA DURING THE YEARS 1952—57

1. **The Punjab Appropriation (Second Vote on Account) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 17th June, 1952 ; passed on 17th June, 1952).

This Bill provided for further withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Punjab required to meet demands that were likely to arise during the period of four months beginning on the 1st day of April, 1952.

2. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 25th July, 1952 ; passed on 25th July, 1952).

This Bill amended the Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1887, with a view to make agricultural lands diverted to non-agricultural purposes, liable to special assessment of land revenue not provided in the principal Act.

3. **The Punjab Merged States (Laws) (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 29th July, 1952 ; passed on 29th July, 1952).

This Bill extended the provisions of the Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1939, to the merged State of Loharu, as from the 1st day of April, 1948.

4. **The East Punjab Requisitioning of Immovable Property (Temporary Powers) (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 25th July, 1952 ; passed on 25th July, 1952).

This Bill extended, up to the 14th August, 1954, the life of the principal Act, which dealt with powers for requisitioning and acquisition of immovable property for the use of Government offices, Government employees and other essential persons.

5. **The East Punjab Refugees (Registration of Land Claims) (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 25th July, 1952 ; passed on 25th July, 1952).

This Bill empowered the Revenue Assistants, Tehsildars and other officers appointed by the Government to pass final orders under section 8 of the principal Act in cases of false or partially false claims submitted by persons in respect of their land holdings left in West Punjab (Pakistan).

6. **The East Punjab Refugees Rehabilitation (Loans and Grants) (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 25th July, 1952 ; passed on 25th July, 1952).

This Bill amended the principal Act to provide for the validation of certain loans advanced to displaced students for completing their studies or training and to recover these loans as arrears of land revenue.

7. **The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 9th July, 1952 ; passed on 9th July, 1952).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of all moneys required to meet the grants voted by the Legislative Assembly and the expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State for the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1953.

8. **The East Punjab Ministers' Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 21st July, 1952 ; passed on 22nd July, 1952).

This Bill empowered the Government to provide State cars to Ministers, to be maintained at Government expense, in lieu of conveyance allowance and to regulate the travelling allowance of Ministers. It further sought to clarify the provisions of the existing Act dealing with free furnished residences for the Ministers.

9. **The Punjab Legislative Council Chairman's and Deputy Chairman's Salaries and Allowances Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 22nd July, 1952 ; passed on 22nd July, 1952).

This Bill sought to make provision for the Salaries and Allowances of the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the Punjab Legislative Council.

10. **The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 14th July, 1952 ; passed on 16th July, 1952).

This Bill provided for the levy of tax on passengers and goods carried by road by motor vehicles.

11. **The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 22nd July, 1952 ; passed on 23rd July, 1952).

This Bill made provision for the allowances of the Chairman and Members of the Punjab Legislative Council.

12. **The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 23rd July, 1952 ; passed on 23rd July, 1952).

This Bill declared the holders of certain offices as not being disqualified for being chosen as, and for being, Members of the Punjab State Legislature.

13. **The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 23rd July, 1952 ; passed on 23rd July, 1952).

This Bill prescribed penalty for non-compliance with the requisition issued or summons served by the consolidation officers or settlement officers under section 40 of the principal Act.

14. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 16th July, 1952 ; passed on 18th July, 1952).

This Bill sought to check the evasion of tax levied under the East Punjab General Sales Tax Act, 1948.

15. **The Punjab Prevention of Ejectment (Temporary Powers) Bill, 1952** ( Introduced on 25th July, 1952 ; passed on 30th July, 1952).

This Bill provided for the prevention of ejectment of certain categories of tenants and for restoring certain categories of ejected tenants to their tenancies.

16. **The Punjab Habitual Offenders (Control and Reform) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 29th July, 1952 ; passed on 30th July, 1952).

This Bill provided for the registration of habitual offenders in the State and for imposing certain restrictions on them in the interest of law and order.

17. **The Punjab Cinemas (Regulation) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 31st July, 1952 ; passed on 31st July, 1952).

This Bill provided for the regulation and licensing of Cinemas in the State.

18. **The Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 31st July, 1952 ; passed on 31st July, 1952).

This Bill empowered the State Government to regulate the sale of building sites and to make building rules in connection with the construction of the Capital at Chandigarh.

19. **The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 29th July, 1952 ; passed on 29th July, 1952).

This Bill amended the principal Act so as to—

(1) reduce the quorum necessary for the formation of schemes under Chapter IV of the principal Act ; and

(2) empower Improvement Trusts to levy betterment contribution on the owner of any property where, by the making of any improvement scheme, the value of such property had increased or was likely to increase.

20. **The Punjab Gram Panchayat Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 31st July, 1952 ; passed on 2nd December, 1952).

This Bill empowered the Government to establish a Gram Sabha and a Gram Panchayat in each village or in each group of villages and to invest them with powers for the levy of taxes and to contract loans with the approval of the Government.

21. **The Punjab Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 20th October, 1952 ; passed on 20th October, 1952).

This Bill vested proprietary rights in occupancy tenants on payment of compensation to the landlords whose rights are in consequence extinguished.

22. **The Punjab Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 21st October, 1952 ; passed on 21st October, 1952).

This Bill empowered the Labour Commissioner to decide appeals against the orders of the Inspector under Sections 7, 10 and 11 of the principal Act.

23. **The East Punjab War Awards (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 25th October, 1952 ; passed on 25th October, 1952).

The Bill made all the citizens of India, who immediately before the 15th August, 1947, ordinarily resided in the undivided Punjab, eligible for a war jagir under section 2 of the principal Act.

24. **The Cattle Trespass (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 21st October, 1952 ; passed on 21st October, 1952).

This Bill provided for the confiscation of trespassing cattle and for the payment of compensation by the offender to the owner of the damaged crop in order to protect food crops from damage by stray cattle.

25. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill,** 1952. (Introduced on 24th October, 1952 ; passed on 24th October, 1952).

The Bill fixed the maximum rate of sales tax under the principal Act at two pice in a rupee of the taxable turnover of a dealer.

26. **The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 27th October, 1952 ; passed on 27th October, 1952).

This Bill provided for the recovery of the tax, levied under the principal Act, from truck owners in the State on a lump sum basis.

27. **The Punjab Legislative Council Chairman's and Deputy Chairman's Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 25th October, 1952 ; passed on 25th October, 1952).

This Bill sought to amend the principal Act with a view to clarify the meaning of the word 'house' (provided free to the Chairman, Punjab Legislative Council) the maintenance charges of which, including local rates and taxes and charges for electricity and water, were to be borne by the Government.

28. **The Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 25th October, 1952 ; passed on 25th October, 1952).

This bill sought to amend the principal Act with a view to clarify the meaning of the word 'house' (provided free to the Speaker, Punjab Legislative Assembly) the maintenance charges of which, including local rates and taxes and charges for electricity and water, were to be borne by the Government.

29. **The East Punjab Cotton (Statistics) (Amendment) Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 27th October, 1952 ; passed on 27th October, 1952).

This Bill prescribed penalty for offences committed under the principal Act by a Company or other corporate body.

30. **The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 27th October, 1952 ; passed on 27th October, 1952).

This Bill reduced period of three months which, under the principal Act, must elapse between the notification of a municipal tax and its coming into force, to one month.

This Bill also provided for specific penalty for enforcing the provisions of Section 74 of the principal Act which required notices to be given to municipal committees of all transfers of title in connection with the property tax.

31. **The Punjab New Capital (Periphery) Control Bill, 1952.** (Introduced on 28th October, 1952 ; passed on 2nd December, 1952).

This Bill empowered the Government to prevent the growth of slums and ramshackle construction on the land lying in the periphery of Chandigarh.

32. **The Punjab Betterment Charges and Acreage Rates Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 28th October, 1952 ; Passed on 4th December, 1952.)

This Bill empowered the State Government to levy betterment charges and acreage rates on lands covered in an irrigation scheme.

33. **The Punjab Nurses Registration (Amendment) Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 8th April, 1953 ; Passed on 8th April, 1953.)

This Bill amended the principal Act by reducing the number of members of the Punjab Nurses Registration Council, by empowering the Council to hold and regulate the conduct of examinations for nurses and midwives and by debarring unregistered nurses, midwives, health visitors and nurse-dais from practising and holding any such appointment in any Hospital, Nursing Home, etc.

34. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 28th November, 1952 ; Passed on 28th November, 1952.)

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of moneys required to meet the supplementary expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund and the Grants made by the Legislative Assembly for expenditure for the year 1952-53.

35. **The Punjab Security of Land Tenures Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 5th December, 1952 ; Passed on 26th February, 1953.)

This Bill consolidated and amended the law relating to land tenures in the Punjab. It replaced the Punjab Tenants (Security of Tenure) Act, 1950 and the Punjab Tenants (Security of Tenure) Amendment Act, 1951 (President's Act V of 1951).

36. **The East Punjab Ayurvedic and Unani Practitioners (Amendment) Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 4th December, 1952 ; Passed on 4th December, 1952.)

This Bill provided for the extension of the term of the Board of Ayurvedic and Unani Systems of medicine, Punjab, constituted under the proviso to Section 6 (1) of the principal Act, from two to three years.

37. **The East Punjab Refugees Rehabilitation (Buildings and Building Sites) (Amendment) Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 4th December, 1952 ; Passed on 4th December, 1952.)

This Bill enabled the Government to charge a rate of interest higher than that provided in the principal Act from new purchasers of sites and buildings on the loans granted to them.

It also empowered the Deputy Commissioners to sanction transfers of plots and houses in the new townships and colonies and authorised the Commissioners to hear appeals from and revise the orders of the Deputy Commissioners under the principal Act.

38. **The Punjab Abolition of Ala Malkiyat and Talukdari Rights Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 21st March, 1953 ; Passed on 21st March, 1953.)

This Bill sought to abolish the rights of superior proprietors by conferring full proprietary rights on inferior proprietors in land held by them on payment of compensation in accordance with the recommendations of the Land Reforms Committee and for certain consequential and incidental matters.

39. **The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 5th December, 1952 ; Passed on 5th December, 1952.)

This Bill provided for the payment to a Member of the Assembly of a halting allowance at the rate of Rs 10 per day for each day of attendance of a meeting of the Assembly or Committee at Simla and Rs 7/8/- per day for each day of attendance of a meeting of a Committee anywhere else.

40. **The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1952.**—(Introduced on 5th December, 1952 ; Passed on 5th December, 1952.)

This Bill provided for the payment to a Member of the Council of a halting allowance at the rate of Rs 10 per day for each day of attendance of a meeting of the Council or Committee at Simla and Rs 7/8/- per day for each day of attendance of a meeting of a Committee anywhere else.

41. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 14th April, 1953 ; Passed on 13th October, 1953.)

This Bill empowered the Judicial Commission to decide questions regarding disqualification of Members of Committees and of Boards constituted under the principal Act.

42. **The East Punjab Utilization of Lands (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 21st March, 1953 ; Passed on 21st March, 1953.)

This Bill provided for compensation to be paid under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, after certain categories of deductions in cases where possession of any land has been taken over under Section 3 of the East Punjab Utilization of Lands Act, 1949.

43. **The Punjab Tobacco Vend Fees (Repealing) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 20th March, 1953 ; Passed on 20th March, 1953.)

This Bill repealed the Punjab Tobacco Vend Fees Act, 1934 and the Punjab Tobacco Vend Fees (Repealing) Act, 1952 (President's Act VI of 1952).

44. **The Punjab Extinguishment of Jagirs Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 14th April, 1953 ; Passed on 15th April, 1953.)

This Bill abolished all Jagirs and Muafis in the State except Military Jagirs, and Jagirs and Muafis granted in favour of religious and charitable institutions.

45. **The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 6th March, 1953. Passed on 6th March, 1953.)

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of moneys required to meet the Supplementary expenditure charges on the Consolidated Fund and the Grants made by the Legislative Assembly for expenditure for the year 1952-53.

46. **The Punjab Motor Spirit (Taxation of Sales) (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 7th April, 1953 ; Passed on 7th April, 1953.)

This Bill empowered Officers of the Excise and Taxation Department to exercise appellate and revisional authority under the principal Act instead of the Financial Commissioner, Divisional Commissioners and Collectors.

47. **The Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 21st March, 1953 ; Passed on 21st March, 1953.)

This Bill provided for the requisitioning and acquisition of immovable property for the purposes of the State.

48. **The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 8th April, 1953 ; Passed on 8th April, 1953.)

This Bill provided for an equitable concession to the marginal assessees in whose cases tax calculated on the annual rental value exceeded the difference between the annual value and the exemption limit referred to in section 4(1) (c) of the principal Act.

49. **The East Punjab Ministers' Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—Introduced on 8th April, 1953 ; Passed on 8th April, 1953.)

This Bill separated the salary of the Chief Minister from his sumptuary allowance by providing for the payment of a sumptuary allowance to him at the rate of Rs. 500 per mensem.

50. **The Punjab Appropriation Bill** (No. 2), **1953.**—(Introduced on 20th March, 1953 ; Passed on 20th March, 1953.)

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of all moneys required to meet the grants made by the Legislative Assembly and expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State for the year 1953-54.

51. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Second Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 14th April, 1953 ; Passed on 14th April, 1953.)

This Bill enabled the Board, constituted under Section 40 of the principal Act, to invest sums received by it in Government Securities or National Saving Certificates, instead of placing them to the credit of a particular fund in a bank.

It also authorised the Board to use and allocate funds belonging to certain notified Sikh Gurdwaras left in Pakistan and deposited with or received by it under Section 127-A of the principal Act for purposes of those Gurdwaras, the surplus to be used for such religious, charitable, educational or industrial purposes as the Board, in a general meeting, might determine.

52. **The Punjab Sikh Gurdwaras Board (Transitional Provisions) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 14th April, 1953 ; Passed on 14th April, 1953.)

Since the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, after partition, was constituted under the provisions of the India (Adaptation of Existing Indian Laws) Order, 1947, this Bill enabled the Government to assume powers by *ad hoc* legislation to fill vacancies on the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee by election, nomination or co-option in the manner in which they had been filled before partition except vacancies relating to the constituencies included in Punjab (Pakistan) which were to be left unfilled.

53. **The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 15th April, 1953 ; Passed on 13th October, 1953.)

This Bill enabled the non-proprietors in villages to acquire rights in the Shamilat Land and proprietary rights in sites under their residential houses in the Abadi Deh.

54. **The Northern India Canal and Drainage (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 15th April, 1953 ; Passed on 15th April, 1953.)

This Bill empowered the Government to recover charges from owners of land in respect of new drainage schemes, either in lump sum or in instalments, as if these were arrears of land revenue, instead of as an annual rate as provided in the principal Act.

55. **The East Punjab Tractor Cultivation (Recovery of Charges) (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 18th April, 1953 ; Passed on 18th April, 1953.)

This Bill empowered the Government to recover tractor cultivation charges from cultivators in one or more annual instalments.

56. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 18th April, 1953 ; Passed on 18th April, 1953.)

This Bill intended to remove certain difficulties noticed in the actual working of the East Punjab General Sales Tax Act, 1948, as amended by the East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Act, 1952.

57. **The Court Fees (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 18th April, 1953 ; Passed on 18th April, 1953.)

This Bill provided for the payment of Court fee in a suit to obtain relief in respect of any property on the value of the property calculated in the manner provided in clause (v) of section 7 instead of on the jurisdictional value of the relief claimed.

58. **The Punjab Livestock Improvement Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 12th October, 1953 ; Passed on 12th October, 1953.)

This Bill provided for improvement in the breeding of Cattle.

59. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 6th October, 1953 ; Passed on 6th October, 1953.)

This Bill determined afresh the number of elected members on the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee and the number of seats to be reserved for the Sikhs belonging to the Scheduled Castes.

60. **The Land Acquisition (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 6th October, 1953 ; Passed on 6th October, 1953).

This Bill provided for the application of special procedure for taking over possession of land when it was acquired for a number of specified purposes, for a reduction in the interest payable on the amount of compensation and for the order of the collector passed under section 18 revisable by the High Court.

61. **The East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 28th September, 1953 ; Passed on 28th September, 1953.)

This Bill removed the doubt about the State Government being the authority empowered to declare, by notification, any area to be an urban area under the principal Act.

62. **The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Validation) Bill, 1953.**—

(Introduced on 12th October, 1953 ; Passed on 12th October, 1953.)

This Bill validated all orders made, proceedings taken and acts done by the Government after the 16th October, 1952, in pursuance of the notification issued under Section 25-A (1) of the Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets Act, 1939, in respect of the Market Committee in the Ferozepore District.

63. **The East Punjab Refugees Rehabilitation (House Building Loans) (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 13th October, 1953 ; Passed on 13th October, 1953.)

This Bill enabled the Government to levy a rate of interest with reference to the rate charged by the Government of India on the house building loans advanced to builders under the Act.

64. **The Punjab State Aid to Industries (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 29th September, 1953 ; Passed on 29th September, 1953.)

This Bill gave to displaced industrialists certain benefits and security to Government for the loans advanced under the Act. It also provided for the recovery of subsidies as arrears of land revenue.

65. **The Punjab Minor Canals (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 12th October, 1953 ; Passed on 12th October, 1953.)

This Bill enabled the Government to require persons deriving benefits from canals, directly or indirectly, to provide free unskilled labour for their construction, repair and maintenance.

66. **The Punjab Local Authorities Laws (Exercise of Powers) Bill, 1953**—(Introduced on 29th September, 1953 ; Passed on 29th September, 1953.)

This Bill provided that all powers, functions or duties of the Commissioners, under certain provisions of the Punjab District Boards Act, 1883, the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911, the Punjab Small Towns Act, 1921, and the Punjab Municipal (Executive Officers) Act, 1931, shall be exercised, performed or discharged, by the State Government and the Deputy Commissioner, respectively. It also empowered the State Government to delegate its powers, etc., in this behalf to any Officer or authority.

67. **The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 28th September, 1953 ; Passed on 28th September, 1953.)

This Bill empowered the Government to require a Municipal Committee to impose any tax, not already imposed, or to modify the rate of any tax already in force, and to levy a tax or modify its rate itself in case of default by a Municipal Committee.

68. **The Punjab District Boards (Second Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 28th September, 1953 ; Passed on 29th September, 1953.)

This Bill empowered the Government to require a District Board to impose any tax, not already imposed, or to modify the rate of any tax already in force, and to levy a tax or modify its rate itself in case of default by a District Board.

69. **The Punjab Small Towns (Second Amendement) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 29th September, 1953 ; Passed on 29th September, 1953.)

This Bill empowered the Government to require a Town Committee to impose any tax, not already imposed, or to modify the rate of any tax already in force, and to levy a tax or modify its rate itself in case of default by a Town Committee.

70. **The Punjab Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 29th September, 1953 ; Passed on 29th September, 1953.)

This Bill provided for maternity benefit for 42 days instead of 30 days following the day of delivery being given to women employed in factories.

71. **The Punjab Vaccination Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 30th September, 1953 ; Passed on 30th September, 1953.)

This Bill provided for compulsory re-vaccination of children twice in addition to the primary vaccination before their attainment of the age of thirteen years.

72. **The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 30th September, 1953 ; Passed on 30th September, 1953.)

This Bill made certain consequential amendments to the Punjab Gram Panchayat Act, 1952.

73. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 1953.** (Introduced on 6th October, 1953 ; Passed on 6th October, 1953.)

This Bill made certain consequential amendments in the Sikh Gurdwaras Act, 1925, necessitated by the amendment of Section 85 thereof by the Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Act, 1949.

74. **The Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 30th September, 1953 ; Passed on 30th September, 1953.)

This Bill provided for a free furnished house to the Speaker, not necessarily at Simla, and enabled the Government to allow him to continue in free occupation of the house for a period not exceeding 15 days from the date of his ceasing to be the Speaker.

75. **The Punjab Legislative Council Chairman's and Deputy Chairman's Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 30th September, 1953 ; Passed on 30th September, 1953.)

This Bill provided for a free furnished house to the Chairman, not necessarily at Simla, and enabled the Government to allow him to continue in free occupation of the house for a period not exceeding 15 days from the date of his ceasing to be the Chairman.

76. **The East Punjab Ministers' Salaries (Second Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 30th September, 1953 ; Passed on 30th September, 1953.)

This Bill enabled the Government to allow a Minister to continue in free occupation of the house provided to him for a period not exceeding 15 days from the date of his ceasing to be a Minister.

77. **The Punjab Security of Land Tenures (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 6th October, 1953 ; Passed on 6th October, 1953.)

This Bill amended the definition of the term "self-cultivation" as given in Section 2(9) of the Punjab Security of Land Tenures Act, 1953 and withdrew the special provision in Section 9(2) (vii) of the principal Act in favour of persons serving in the Armed Forces of the Union.

78. **The Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1953 ; Passed on 14th October, 1953.)

This Bill enabled persons who had graduated in any Faculty of the University of the Punjab at Lahore before 1948 to get themselves registered in the Register of Graduates of the East Punjab University at any time on their fulfilment of the required conditions.

79. **The Punjab Cotton Ginning and Pressing Factories Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 12th October, 1953 ; Passed on 3rd November, 1954.)

This Bill sought to check the mixing of various varieties of cotton in the ginning and pressing factories, etc., in the State.

80. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 9th October, 1953 ; Passed on 9th October, 1953.)

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of moneys required to meet the Supplementary Grants made by the Legislative Assembly for the expenditure for 1953-54.

81. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 12th October, 1953 ; Passed on 12th October, 1953.)

This Bill empowered the Commissioner to dispose of matters which under certain Sections used to go to the Financial Commissioner and the Government. It also provided for copies of revenue records being sent by post.

82. **The Punjab Sugarcane (Regulation of Purchase and Supply) Bill, 1953.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1953 ; Passed on 14th October, 1953.)

This Bill enabled the Government to establish a Sugarcane Control Board, to appoint a Cane Commissioner and to punish for contraventions of the Act as also to raise funds by imposing a tax on the purchase of sugarcane by factories so as to provide for its development and national distribution on scientific lines. It also provided for the purchase of sugarcane through licensed agents.

83. **The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 2nd April, 1954 ; Passed on 2nd April, 1954.)

This Bill defined the term "common purpose" and thereby removed the lacuna in Section 8 of the principal Act.

84. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Second Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 9th March, 1954 ; passed on 9th March, 1954.)

This Bill substituted a new Schedule of constituencies of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee and made them effective retrospectively.

85. **The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 29th March, 1954 ; Passed on 29th March, 1954.)

This Bill empowered the assessing authority to entertain objections from aggrieved persons within 30 days of the receipt of the first demand notice.

86. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 29th March, 1954 ; Passed on 2nd November, 1954.)

This Bill empowered the Government to set up check-posts and barriers in the State to check large-scale evasion of sales tax on goods brought into the State by road.

87. **The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 31st March, 1954 ; Passed on 31st March, 1954.)

This Bill restricted the exemption from the payment of immovable property tax to only those buildings and lands which either belonged to educational institutions or had been given to such institutions without rent.

88. **The Punjab State Tube-well Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 30th March, 1954 ; Passed on 30th March, 1954.)

This Bill provided for the regulation of supplies to and recoveries of dues from the irrigators in respect of State tube-wells.

89. **The Indian Forest (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced 30th March, 1954 ; Passed on 30th March, 1954.)

This Bill invested the Government with power to frame rules for the disposal of trees and timber or other forest produce belonging to the Government.

90. **The Punjab Appropriation Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 15th March, 1954 ; passed on 15th March, 1954.)

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of moneys required to meet the supplementary expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund and the grants made by the Legislative Assembly for the expenditure for 1953-54.

91. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 31st March, 1954 ; passed on 31st March, 1954.)

This Bill amended the definition of 'dealer' and empowered the Government to charge sales tax from non-resident dealers who deliver goods into the Punjab for consumption in this State.

92. **The Punjab Tobacco Vend Fees Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 29th March, 1954 ; Passed on 29th March, 1954.)

This Bill provided for the licensing, possession and sale of tobacco to check smuggling of manufactured tobacco in the State.

93. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 1954.** (Introduced on 31st March, 1954 ; passed on 31st March, 1954).

This Bill provided for exemption from sales tax of only such goods as are used as raw material for directly manufacturing, processing, etc., or making of goods, declared as taxable by the Government from time to time, in order to avoid loss of revenue to the Government.

94. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 1954.** (Introduced on 31st March, 1954 ; passed on 31st March, 1954).

This Bill by amending Section 9 of the Act enabled the Government to publish the list of names and addresses of registered dealers together with a description of goods covered by their certificates of registration in a separate book form instead of in the Punjab Government Gazette.

95. **The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1954.** (Introduced on 29th March, 1954 ; passed on 29th March, 1954).

This Bill enabled the Government to charge the tax from the owners of taxi cabs on a lump sum basis.

96. **The Punjab Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1954.** (Introduced on 29th March, 1954 ; passed on 29th March, 1954).

This Bill empowered the Government to vary the rate of motor vehicles tax.

97. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1954.** (Introduced on 26th March, 1954 ; passed on 26th March, 1954).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of all moneys required to meet the grants made by the Assembly and the expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State for the year, 1954-55.

98. **The Punjab Entertainments Tax (Cinematograph Shows) Bill, 1954.** (Introduced on 29th March, 1954 ; passed on 29th March, 1954).

This Bill provided for the levy of entertainment tax on cinema shows in the State.

99. **The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1954.** (Introduced on 31st March, 1954 ; passed on 31st March, 1954).

This Bill enlarged the functions of the Gram Panchayats to enable them to organise village development programmes and for the purpose equippred them with a small bloc of officers to advise them.

It also provided for the delegation of powers and functions of the Deputy Commissioners under the Act to the Sub-Divisional Officers wherever necessary.

100. **The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1954.** (Introduced on 2nd April, 1954 ; passed on 2nd April, 1954).

This Bill by repealing the Punjab Small Towns Act of 1921 and by providing for Municipal Committees of the third class for such Towns brought about one common pattern of Urban Local Bodies in the State.

101. **The Punjab Local Authorities Laws (Exercise of Powers) (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 2nd April, 1954 ; passed on 2nd April, 1954).

This Bill provided for the delegation of powers and functions of the Deputy Commissioners under the principal Act to the Sub-Divisional Officers, wherever necessary.

102. **The Punjab Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 18th May, 1954 ; passed on 19th May 1954).

This Bill provided further facilities to the owner of a requisitioned property or a person interested in such property for representing his case to the competent authority and the State Government for consideration.

103. **The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 19th May, 1954 ; Passed on 19th May, 1954).

This Bill saves official receivers who are not whole time salaried Government servants from being disqualified from the membership of the State Legislature under Article 191 of the Constitution.

104. **The Punjab Co-operative Societies Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 21st May, 1954 ; Passed on 1st November, 1954).

This Bill consolidated and amended the Law relating to Co-operative Societies.

105. **The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Second Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 21st May, 1954 ; Passed on 21st May, 1954).

This Bill enabled Government to nominate qualified members of Scheduled Castes on Gram Panchayats where their requisite number is not elected for want of correct basis for determining their proper representation on the Gram Panchayats.

106. **The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 2nd November, 1954 ; Passed on 2nd November, 1954).

This Bill added Section 195 (a) of the Punjab Municipal Act in the principal Act and thereby empowered an Improvement Trust to put a stop to any building operation by serving a notice on the owner within six months from the commencement of such operation.

107. **The Punjab Merged States (Laws) (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 1st November, 1954 ; Passed on 1st November, 1954).

This Bill extended more Punjab Laws to the merged States of Loharu, Dujana and Pataudi.

108. **The Court Fees (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 3rd November, 1954 ; Passed on 3rd November, 1954).

This Bill prescribed rates of court fees for applications made under the Indian Companies Act, 1913.

109. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 12th November, 1954 ; Passed on 12th November, 1954).

This Bill imposed a surcharge on land revenue at such places where assessment of land revenue had not been made recently.

110. **The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 12th November, 1954 ; Passed on 12th November, 1954).

This Bill provided that persons who had been allotted lands under Consolidation of Holdings Scheme should not be dispossessed if the scheme was subsequently revoked or varied, till a fresh scheme was brought into force.

111. **The Punjab District Boards (Temporary Constitution) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 3rd November, 1954 ; Passed on 12th November, 1954).

This Bill empowered the Government to alter the constitution of District Boards without superseding them.

112. **The East Punjab War Awards (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 12th November, 1954 ; Passed on 12th November, 1954).

This Bill empowered the Government to extend the benefit of Jagir under the East Punjab War Awards Act, 1948, to parents who were residents of Punjab and had given 3 or more of their sons for recruitment in the late Pepsu Army during World War II.

113. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Third Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 12th November, 1954 ; Passed on 12th November, 1954).

This Bill provided for the adoption for Gurdwara Elections of electoral offences mentioned in the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

114. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 12th November, 1954 ; Passed on 12th November, 1954).

This Bill empowered the Government to alter the extent of certain constituencies for the Gurdwara elections without preparing fresh electoral rolls.

115. **The Punjab Municipal (Second Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 12th November, 1954 ; Passed on 12th November, 1954).

This Bill provided for the conversion of Town Committees into 3rd class Municipal Committees.

**116. The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 11th November, 1954 ; Passed on 11th November, 1954).

This Bill provided for the appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of sums required to meet the Supplementary Grants made by the Legislative Assembly for expenditure for 1954-55.

117. **The Sikh Gurdwaras Committees Election (Validation) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 12th November, 1954 ; Passed on 12th November, 1954).

This Bill validated the action taken by the Returning Officers appointed for conducting Gurdwaras Committees Election under the Sikh Gurdwaras Committee Rules, 1925.

118. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 12th November, 1954 ; Passed on 12th November, 1954).

This Bill regularised payment and appropriation of certain further sums out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Punjab for the year ending on 31st day of March, 1951.

119. **The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Third Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Introduced on 8th December, 1954 ; Passed on 8th December, 1954).

This Bill provided that non-evacuee lands which had come into the possession of displaced persons in consolidation proceedings and evacuee lands which had similarly come into the possession of non-displaced persons could be declared as evacuee and non-evacuee lands, respectively, so that the Central Government by notification might acquire evacuee lands in the State and allot them to displaced persons under the Displaced Persons (Compensation and Rehabilitation) Act, 1954.

120. **The Punjab Departmental Enquiries (Powers) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 30th March, 1955 ; Passed on 30th March, 1955).

This Bill empowered an enquiring officer or authority to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents in departmental proceedings under the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1952.

121. **The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment and Validation) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 30th March, 1955 ; Passed on 30th March, 1955).

This Bill enabled a Consolidation Officer to seek the advice of non-proprietors and Panchayats in addition to that of landowners while preparing a Scheme for the Consolidation of Holdings in an Estate or Estates under provisions of Section 14 of the principal Act.

122. **The Bengal Chaukidari Act (Punjab Repeal) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 30th March, 1955 ; Passed on 30th March, 1955).

This Bill repealed the Bengal Chaukidari Act, 1856.

123. **The Punjab Motor Spirit (Taxation of Sales) (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 30th March, 1955 ; Passed on 30th March, 1955).

This Bill provided that no licence was necessary in the case of dealers who dealt only in powerine or diesel oil.

124. **The Punjab Cinemas (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 30th March, 1955 ; Passed on 30th March, 1955).

This Bill enumerated further grounds on which the Government or the licensing authority could speedily cancel, suspend or revoke the Cinema licence of a licensee.

125. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 14th March, 1955 ; Passed on 14th March, 1955).

This Bill provided for the appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of sums required to meet the Supplementary expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund and the grants made by the Legislative Assembly for expenditure for 1954-55.

126. **The Punjab Registration Validating Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 30th March, 1955 ; Passed on 30th March, 1955).

This Bill validated deeds attested in good faith by an unauthorised person within the meaning of Section 12 of the Indian Registration Act, 1908.

127. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 29th March, 1955 ; Passed on 29th March, 1955).

This Bill provided for the appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of all moneys required to meet the grants made by the Legislative Assembly and expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State for the year, 1955-56.

**128. The Punjab Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 18th April, 1955 ; Passed on 18th April, 1955).

This Bill removed the doubt expressed by revenue courts that the provis' occuring after subsection 5(b)(ii) applied only to subsection 5(b)(ii) by providing that it applied to subsection 5(b)(i) also.

129. **The Punjab Public Service Commission (Additional Functions) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 18th April, 1955 ; Passed on 18th April, 1955).

This Bill provided for the recruitment to posts carrying salaries of Rs 150 or above per mensem in the local bodies through the Punjab Public Service Commission.

130. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 18th April, 1955 ; Passed on 18th April, 1955).

This Bill gave an option to all the dealers except the manufacturers, producers and processors to pay sales tax on purchase basis including octroi, insurance, custom duties, handling charges etc.

131. **The Punjab Security of Land Tenures (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 19th April, 1955 ; Passed on 22nd April, 1955).

This Bill enabled Government to prevent large-scale ejectment of tenants, control and regulate the ejectment of tenants and to co-ordinate it with their resettlement on surplus areas, to provide a quick and effective procedure for the recovery of rent from defaulting tenants and for the settlement of disputes between landlords and tenants in matters pertaining to the quantum of rent, its payment and other ancillary matters to prevent sales and other dispositions of land adversely affecting the continuance of tenancies area, and to reduce the period entitling a tenant to purchase the land comprised in his tenancy and to provide for easier terms of purchase.

132. **The Dramatic Performances (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 4th October, 1955 ; Passed on 5th October, 1955).

This Bill empowered the Government to delegate, by notification, any of its powers under the Dramatic Performances Act, 1876, to any authority specified in this behalf, and made the offences committed under this Act cognizable, raising the period of punishment from three months to one year.

133. **The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets (Validation) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1955 ; Passed on 14th October, 1955).

This Bill validated the orders made, proceedings taken and acts done by certain officers exercising the functions of certain Market Committees.

134. **The Punjab Municipal (Tax Validating) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 5th October, 1955 ; Passed on 5th October, 1955).

This Bill validated the tax imposed without complying with the provisions of Section 62 (10) of the Punjab Municipal Act, 1910, by the Municipal Committee of Ferozepore-Jhirka, district Gurgaon.

135. **The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 5th October, 1955 ; Passed on 5th October, 1955).

This Bill prescribed a penalty for non-compliance with the provisions of Section 121-A of the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911.

It increased the limits of the area of land which could be transferred to Municipal Committees in unbuilt areas for public purposes from 20 to 35 per cent and that of land for which no compensation was payable from 10 to 25 per cent.

136. **The Punjab Legislative Assembly Speaker's and Deputy Speaker's Salaries (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 5th October, 1955 ; Passed on 5th October, 1955).

This Bill provided for the grant of a repayable advance of loan to the Speaker of the Punjab Legislative Assembly for the purchase of a motor car.

137. **The Punjab Legislative Council Chairman's and Deputy Chairman's Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 5th October, 1955 ; Passed on 5th October, 1955).

This Bill provided for the grant of a repayable advance of loan to the Chairman, Punjab Legislative Council for the purchase of a motor car.

138. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Special Assessments) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 15th October, 1955 ; Passed on 15th October, 1955).

This Bill provided for *ad hoc* rates of special assessment on urban lands or lands diverted from agricultural purposes within the limits of local bodies.

139. **The Punjab Khadi and Village Industries Board Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 3rd October, 1955 ; Passed on 4th October, 1955).

This Bill provided for the establishment of a Khadi and Village Industries Board to encourage and intensify the Khadi and village industries in the State in accordance with the recommendations of the All-India Khadi and Village Industries Board.

140. **The Motor Vehicles (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 15th October, 1955 ; Passed on 15th October, 1955).

This Bill provided for appeal against the orders of the State Transport Commissioner and the Deputy State Transport Commissioner appointed under section 44-A of the Principal Act.

141. **The Punjab Entertainments Duty Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 15th October, 1955 ; Passed on 15th October, 1955.)

This Bill prevented the evasion of the payment of entertainment duty by proprietors of entertainment houses who had been evading such payment by taking advantage of the loopholes in the administration of the Punjab Entertainment Duty Act, 1936.

142. **The Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 15th October, 1955 ; Passed on 15th October, 1955).

This Bill amended clause (n) of subsection (2) of section 58 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, which was in conflict with the provisions of Article 19(1) (a) of the Constitution.

143. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1955 ; Passed on 14th October, 1955).

This Bill provided for the appropriation by Government of the surcharge levied on assigned land revenue under the Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) Act, 1954, where the assigned land revenue was subject to the *Kam-o-Besh* rule.

144. **The Punjab District Boards (Tax Validating) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 5th October, 1955 ; Passed on 5th October, 1955).

This Bill validated the imposition of certain taxes imposed without complying with the provisions of section 31 (6) (a) of the Punjab District Boards Act, 1883 by District Boards in the State.

145. **The Punjab Bhudan Yagna Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 24th August, 1956 ; Passed on 24th August, 1956).

This Bill provided for voluntary donations of land and the settlement of landless workers thereon.

146. **The Punjab Town Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1955 ; Passed on 14th October, 1955).

This Bill empowered the Government to fix the term of office of the Chairman of an Improvement Trust subject to a maximum period of 3 years instead of the compulsory period of 3 years as provided in the Principal Act.

147. **The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1955 ; Passed on 14th October, 1955).

This Bill prescribed the circumstances under which exemption from the payment of tax under the Act was to be allowed by Government.

148. **The East Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1955 ; Passed on 14th October, 1955).

This Bill extended the term of office of elected or nominated fellows of the East Punjab University from three to four years.

149. **The Punjab Prohibition of Cow-Slaughter Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 6th April, 1956 ; Passed on 6th April, 1956.)

This Bill imposed a ban on cow-slaughter in the State.

150. **The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1952 ; Passed on 14th October, 1955).

This Bill made possible the grant of travelling and halting allowances to Members of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for attending meetings of Committees or Boards appointed by Government as non-official members in their ex-officio capacity as no provision for the purpose existed in the principal Act.

151. **The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1955 ; Passed on 14th October, 1955).

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152. **The Punjab District Boards (Temporary Constitution) (Repeal) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 14th October, 1955 ; Passed on 14th October, 1955).

This Bill repealed the Punjab District Boards (Temporary Constitution) Act, 1954.

153. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1955.**—(Introduced on 15th October, 1955 ; Passed on 15th October, 1955).

This Bill provided for the appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of sums required to meet the supplementary grants made by the Assembly for the expenditure for 1955-56.

154. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 8th March, 1956 ; Passed on 8th March, 1956).

This Bill authorised payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Punjab for the services of the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1956.

155. **The Punjab Court of Wards (Repeal) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 22nd March, 1956 ; Passed on 10th April, 1956).

This Bill repealed the Punjab Court of Wards Act, 1903.

156. **The Court Fees (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 22nd March, 1956 ; Passed on 6th April, 1956).

The Bill provided for a court fee of Rs 15 on each application or petition or memorndum of appeal under the Special Marriage Act, 1954, or the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.

157. **The Land Acquisition (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 22nd March, 1956 ; Passed on 10th April, 1956).

This Bill amended the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, to enable the expeditious execution of Housing Schemes sponsored by Government.

158. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 22nd March, 1956 ; Passed on 6th April, 1956).

The Bill devised simple and expeditious means for the recovery of loans advanced under the Housing Scheme.

159. **The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 24th March, 1956 ; Passed on 28th March, 1956).

The Bill increased the existing rate of passengers tax from 1 pie to 1½ pies per anna value of the fare.

160. **The East Punjab General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 24th March, 1956 ; Passed on 28th March, 1956).

The Bill doubled the existing rate of sales tax on luxury goods in the State.

161. **The Punjab Revenue, Appeals and Proceedings (Disposal and Restoration) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 22nd March, 1956 ; Passed on 10th April, 1956).

The Bill conferred jurisdiction on the Financial Commissioner and the Commissioner, Jullundur Division, for the disposal and restoration of pending revenue appeals and revisions from Amritsar and Gurdaspur districts instituted before partition under various land Acts.

162. **The Punjab Industrial Housing Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 22nd March, 1956 ; Passed on 10th April, 1956).

The Bill provided for the administration, control, allotment, and upkeep etc., of houses constructed under the Government of India Subsidized Industrial Housing Scheme for industrial workers in the State.

163. **The Indian Lunacy (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 28th March, 1956 ; Passed on 22nd August, 1956).

This Bill provided for free treatment to poor mental patients in the State and not only dangerous mental patients as before.

164. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 24th March, 1956 ; Passed on 24th March, 1956).

This Bill authorised payment and appropriation of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Punjab for the services of the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1957.

165. **The Ambala District Board Tax Validating Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 2nd April, 1956 ; Passed on 22nd August, 1956).

This Bill validated the imposition of professional tax imposed by the District Board, Ambala, with effect from the 15th May, 1953.

166. **The Punjab Municipal (Tax Validating) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 3rd April, 1956 ; Passed on 22nd August, 1956).

This Bill validated the tax at enhanced rates imposed by the Municipal Committee, Rohtak, on buildings and lands situated within its jurisdiction, and the Cycle Tax imposed by the Municipal Committee, Shahabad.

167. **The East Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 4th April, 1956 ; Passed on 12th April, 1956).

The Bill amended the East Punjab University Act, 1947, in pursuance of the recommendations of the University Education Commission and the Central Advisory Board of Education.

168. **The Punjab Gram Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 6th April, 1956 ; Passed on 22nd August, 1956).

The Bill enabled Government to demarcate single village Gram Panchayat areas with populations of less than 500 in suitable cases.

It enabled the Panchayats to utilise the Gram Fund for meeting the charges on elections and other suitable purposes which the Government may prescribe by Rules.

Further it made section 109(1) of the principal Act, which prescribed penalty for tampering with the properties of the Gram Panchayat without the sanction of the Panchayat or other lawful authority, applicable to land vested in a Gram Panchayat.

169. **The Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 6th April, 1956 ; Passed on 10th April, 1956).

The Bill provided for the levy of a Professional Tax on higher income groups in the State.

170. **The Punjab New Townships (Street Lighting and Water-supply) Fees (Amendment) Bill, 1956** —(Introduced on 5th September, 1956 ; Passed on 5th September, 1956).

This Bill prescribed the general principle for exemption from the payment of fee for street lighting etc., in the case of purchasers of houses in new Townships

171. **The Punjab District Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 20th August, 1956 ; Passed on 5th September, 1956).

This Bill provided for the reservation of appointments and posts under the District Boards for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and recognised Backward Classes.

172. **The Punjab Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 20th August, 1956 ; Passed on 5th September, 1956).

This Bill provided for the reservation of appointments and posts under the Municipal Committees for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and recognised Backward Classes.

173. **The East Punjab Utilization of Land (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 21st August, 1956 ; Passed on 4th September, 1956).

This Bill did away with the necessity of having to issue notice to a landowner the possession of whose land was intended to be taken over where the entry in the revenue records showed the landowner as cultivating his own land, when in fact the land had remained uncultivated for the last 6 or more harvests. It vested powers in the Commissioner to send for records *suo motu* or on application made to him and to amend, modify or cancel the order made by the Collector.

174. **The Punjab Registration (Amendment) Bill, 1956**—(Received back from the Council with amendments). (Introduced on 21st August, 1956 ; Passed on 5th October, 1956 ).

The Bill amended the principal Act, so as to improve the working of the Punjab Medical Council and to bring it in conformity with the changed conditions in the State.

175. **The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Amendment) Bill, 1956**—(Introduced on 21st August, 1956 ; Passed on 5th September 1956).

This Bill exempted the Deputy Ministers appointed in the State from being disqualified for being Members of the Punjab State Legislature.

176. **The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1956**—(Introduced on 23rd August, 1956 ; Passed on 3rd September 1956.

This Bill vested powers in the Speaker to frame rules under the principal Act, enabled the Members of Joint Committees of the Punjab Legislative Assembly and the Punjab Legislative Council to draw travelling and halting allowances for attending meetings of such Committees, and to draw travelling and halting allowances for journeys undertaken under the orders of the Speaker.

It also enabled Members to draw halting allowance for attending meetings of the Assembly.

177. **The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Amendment) Bill, 1956**—(Introduced on 23rd August, 1956 ; Passed on 3rd September, 1956).

This Bill vested powers in the Chairman to frame rules under the principal Act, enabled the Members of Joint Committees of the Punjab Legislative Council and the Punjab Legislative Assembly to draw travelling and halting allowances for attending meetings of such Committees, and to draw travelling and halting allowances for journeys undertaken under the orders of the Chairman.

It also enabled Members to draw halting allowance for attending meetings of the Council.

178. **The Land Acquisition (Punjab Second Amendment) Bill, 1956**—(Introduced on 22nd August, 1956 : Passed on 5th September, 1956).

This Bill enabled Government to take immediate possession of land required for public purposes of urgent importance.

179. **The Scheduled Areas Traders' (Facilities for Loans) Bill, 1956**—(Introduced on 23rd August, 1956 ; Passed on 5th September, 1956).

This Bill empowered the Government to grant loans to traders of Scheduled Areas of Lahaul and Spiti who suffered business losses on account of severe snowfalls in October, 1955.

180. **The Good Conduct Prisoners' Probational Release (Amendment)Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 22nd August, 1956 ; Passed on 5th September, 1956)

This Bill empowered the Reclamation Officer or the Probation Officer, under whose authority a prisoner is released on probation, to order his arrest and detention.

181. **The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 22nd August, 1956; Passed on 5th September, 1956).

This Bill provided that if repartition of a village is revised or cancelled the right holders shall not revert to their previous holdings but shall remain in possession of the land allotted to them until the second repartition is carried out by the Consolidation Officer.

182. **The Salaries and Allowances of Deputy Ministers, Punjab, Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 23rd August, 1956 ; Passed on 3rd September, 1956).

This Bill determined the salaries and allowances etc. admissible to Deputy Ministers in the State.

183. **The Prisons (Punjab Amendment ) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 27th August, 1956 ; Passed on 5th October, 1956).

This Bill regularised the retention of certain punishments in the Jail Rules.

184. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1956.**——Introduced on 28th August, 1956 ; Passed on 28th August, 1956).—

This Bill provided for the appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund of the State for the money required to meet the expenditure on account of excesses over grants and appropriation for the year ended 31st March, 1952.

185. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 28th August, 1956 ; Passed on 28th August, 1956).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of sums required to meet the Supplementary Grants made by the Vidhan Sabha for expenditure during the financial year 1956-57.

186. **The Punjab Land Revenue (Surcharge) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 28th August, 1956; Passed on 4th October, 1956).

This Bill enforced the provisions of the principal Act in three assessment circles of Tarn Taran (Urban), Amritsar (Urban) and Amritsar (Suburban) of District Amritsar, previously exempted from the levy of surcharge on land revenue.

187. **The East Punjab Urban Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 28th August, 1956 ; Passed on 4th September, 1956).

This Bill prohibited the ejection of tenants of urban-non-residential buildings in the State on grounds of personal use and provided for revision by the High Court of the orders of the Appellate Authority.

188. **The Punjab Urban Immovable Property Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 3rd September, 1956; Passed on 5th September, 1956).

This Bill extended relief to all classes of owners in the matter of annual tax on buildings and lands situated in the rating areas and provided for the recovery of the tax left unpaid by an assessee in respect of the property owned by him on the day of its transfer to another person.

189. **The Punjab Special Powers (Press) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 4th September, 1956 ; Passed on 5th September, 1956).

This Bill imposed certain restrictions on publication in the press of certain matters prejudicial to the maintenance of communal harmony and prescribed penalty for the contravention of its provisions.

190. **The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 3rd October, 1956 ; Passed on 4th October, 1956).

This Bill declared that membership by a member of the Legislature of the Employees State Insurance Corporation, the Standing Committee and the Medical Benefit Council constituted under the Employees State Insurance Act, 1948, would not disqualify him from being a Member of the Legislature, nor would any disqualification be incurred if a Member were to join the Auxiliary Air Force or the Air Defence Reserve.

191. **The Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 3rd October, 1956 ; Passed on 5th October, 1956).

This Bill defined " Shamilat " not previously defined in the principal Act, dealt with the rights in the Shamilats of certain classes of persons and enabled panchayats to secure physical possession of those portions of the Shamilats that were in unauthorised occupation.

192. **The Punjab Legislative Assembly (Allowances of Members) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 3rd October, 1956 ; Passed on 4th October, 1956).

This Bill provided for the grant of residential accommodation to Members of the Punjab Legislative Assembly at concessional rates etc.

193. **The Punjab Legislative Council (Allowances of Members) (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Introduced on 3rd October, 1956; Passed on 4th October, 1956). This Bill provided for the grant of residential accommodation to Members of the Punjab Legislative Council at concessional rates etc.

194. **The Punjab Abolition of Whipping Bill, 1956.**—(Intorduced on 5th October, 1956 ; Passed on 5th October, 1956).

This Bill abolished whipping as a mode of punishment.

195. **The Punjab Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1957.**—(Introduced on 21st March, 1957; Passed on 21st March, 1957).

This Bill clarified the term " Financial Year " for the purpose of levying the tax.

196. **The Punjab Laws (Extension No. 1) Bill, 1957.**—(Introduced on 21st March, 1957; Passed on 21st March 1957).

This Bill extended some of the laws in force in the erstwhile State of Punjab to the territories of the erstwhile State of Pepsu and repealed the corresponding laws of the erstwhile State of Pepsu.

197. **The Punjab Consolidation of Land Proceedings (Validation) Bill, 1957.**—(Introduced on 21st March, 1957 ; Passed on 21st March, 1957).

This Bill provided for the validation of certain schemes for consolidation of holdings and subsequent proceedings in relation thereto taken during the period between the 31st December, 1951 and the 1st of January, 1956. It also provided for the extinguishment and modification of rights in estates, included in such schemes, without payment of compensation.

198. **The Punjab Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 1957.**—(Introduced on 21st March, 1957; Passed on 21st March, 1957).

This Bill provided for the appropriation from the and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Punjab, of sums required to meet demands that were likely to arise during the first three months of the financial year 1957-58 ending on the thirtieth day of June, 1957.

199. **The Punjab General Sales Tax (Extension) Bill, 1957.**—(Introduced on 21st March, 1957; Passed on 21st March, 1957).

This Bill extended the application of the East Punjab General Sales Tax Act, 1948 to the territory of the erstwhile State of Pepsu.

200. **The Punjab University (Amendment) Bill, 1957.**—(Introduced on 21st March, 1957 ; Passed on 21st March, 1957).

This Bill provided that the person holding office of the Vice Chancellor immediately before the commencement of the East Punjab University (Amendment) Act, 1956 (Act No. 9 of 1956), shall continue to hold office for such period up to 31st July, 1957, as the Chancellor may by order determine.

# APPENDIX III

**Synopsis of Bills which originated in the Council and were passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha.**

1. **The Punjab Silkworm Seed Control Bill, 1953.**—(Received from the Council on 25th February, 1953 ; Passed by the Assembly on 17th April, 1953).

This Bill ensured the utilization of disease-free silkworm seeds by licensing their manufacture, sale and distribution which would assist in the improvement of quality and quantity of indigenous raw silk.

2. **The Punjab Small Towns (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Received from the Council on 7th March, 1953; Passed by the Assembly on 17th April, 1953).

This Bill provided for the disposal of assets and liabilities of a municipal committee converted into a town committee, for the levy of fees on licences for selling or importing for sale, milk and butter etc., for the recovery of taxes etc., due to town committees as arrears of land revenue, and for enforcing liability of members of town committees for the loss, waste or misapplication of monies and properties of the town committees, when such loss etc., is a direct consequence of neglect or misconduct of the members.

3. **The Punjab District Boards (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Received from the Council on 9th March, 1953; Passed by the Assembly on 18th April, 1953).

This Bill provided that in the future set-up of district boards there were to be no appointed members or appointed chairmen; for the association of a prescribed number of officials to advise district boards in the discharge of their duties, but without a right to vote, for the Deputy Commissioner, Commissioner being able to suspend any resolution or an order of district board that is contrary to the interest of the public or of the board itself, for the extension of specified provisions of the Punjab Municipal Act to district board areas so as to regulate planning and development in rural areas adjoining municipalities, for the delegation of powers to the chairman, and vice-chairman or to any officer of the board or of the State Government etc., etc.

4. **The East Punjab Conservation of Manure (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Received from the Council on 7th March, 1953; Passed by the Assembly on 15th April, 1953).

This Bill empowered the State Government to take speedier action for acquisition of land.

5 **The Punjab Passengers and Goods Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Received from the Council on 11th March, 1953 ; Passed by the Assembly on 20th March, 1953).

This Bill removed practical difficulties experienced in connection with the grant of registration of certificates under Section 9 (1) of the principal Act to owners plying their motor vehicles in district other than the district or State, in which the Motor Vehicles had been registered under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939.

6. **The East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation ) (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Received from the Council on 11th March, 1953 ; Passed by the Assembly on 15th April, 1953).

This Bill empowered the Settlement Officer (Consolidation) to confirm or refuse to confirm a draft Consolidation Scheme published under subsections (1)and (2) of Section 19 of the Principal Act, after taking into consideration the objections to the Scheme and the remarks of the Consolidation Officer thereon, and in case of refusal to confirm to return it for reconsideration.

It removed the ambiguity about the powers of various officers and the extent to which the powers were to be exercised in connection with the revocation and variation of the consolidation schemes under the Act.

It enabled Government to determine the legality or propriety of certain classes of orders passed under the principal Act.

7. **The Evacuee Interest (Separation) Supplementary Bill, 1953.**—(Received from the Council on 2nd April, 1953; Passed by the Assembly on 15th April, 1953).

This Bill validated, with effect from the 15th December, 1952, certain provisions of the Evacuee Interest (Separation) Act, 1951, in their application to the State of Punjab relating to matters enumerated in list II in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.

8. **The Punjab Habitual Offenders (Control and Reform) (Amendment) Bill, 1953.**—(Received from the Council on 21st March, 1953; Passed by the Assembly 18th April, 1953).

This Bill sought to make certain amendments in the principal Act which were considered necessary and desirable.)

9. **The Punjab Security of the State Bill, 1953.**—(Received from the Council on 2nd April, 1953; Passed by the Assembly on 10th April, 1953).

This Bill vested the Government with powers to ensure the security of the State and maintenance of public order.

10. **The Punjab State Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Received from the Council on 9th March, 1954; Passed by the Assembly on 30th March, 1954).

In the larger interest of the country, it was considered undesirable to deem enrolment in the National Cadet Corps as amounting to holding an office of profit. This Bill exempted persons enrolled in the National Cadet Corps from being disqualified for being Members of the Punjab State Legislature.

11. **The Punjab Security of the State (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Received from the Council on 9th March, 1954; Passed by the Assembly on 31st March, 1954).

This Bill provided for punishment for the breach of the provisions of Sections 4, 6 or 7 of the principal Act.

12. **The Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 1954.**—(Received from the Council on 9th March, 1954; Passed by the Assembly on 30th March, 1954).

This Bill empowered the Government to remove any member of the Gurdwara Judicial Commission, if he had served as its member for more than one year.

13. **The Kuruksetra University Bill, 1956.**—(Received from the Council on 9th March, 1956; Passed by the Assembly on 12th April, 1956).

The Bill provided for the establishment of a residential University at Kuruksetra for the encouragement of higher education and research especially in Sanskrit, Prakrit and modern Indian Languages as also in Indian Philosophy, Ancient Indian History and other aspects of Indology.

14. **The Punjab Registration Validating Bill, 1956.**—(Received from the Council on 9th March, 1956; Passed by the Assembly on 12th April, 1956).

The Bill validated deeds attested in good faith by an officer, not having the necessary authority under sections 6 and 7 (2) of the Indian Registration Act, 1908.

15. **The Punjab Debtors' Protection (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Received from the Council on 9th March, 1956; Passed by the Assembly on 12th April, 1956).

The Bill amended the Punjab Debtors' Protection Act, 1936, in view of articles 13, 14 and 15 of the Constitution.

16. **The Punjab Instruments (Control of Noises) Bill, 1956.**—(Received from the Council on 9th March, 1956; Passed by the Assembly on 20th August, 1956).

This Bill controlled the indiscriminate use of instruments such as loud-speakers, microphones and amplifiers beyond limited precincts between the hours of ten in the night and six in the morning.

17. **The Punjab Excise (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Received from the Council on 5th April, 1956; Passed by the Assembly on 20th August, 1956).

This Bill made the provisions relating to suppression of illicit distillation of liquor or other intoxicants more stringent.

18. **The East Punjab Improved Seeds and Seedlings (Amendment) Bill, 1956.**—(Received from the Council on 11th April, 1956; Passed by the Assembly on 21st August, 1956).

This Bill prohibited the prodution and sale of inferior qualities of vegetable and flower seeds.

# APPENDIX IV

| Serial No. | Title of the Resolution | Substance of the Resolution | Date on which the Resolution was discussed | Fate of the Resolution |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1 | Separation of Judiciary from the Executive | In view of the fact that in all advanced and progressive countries, an independent judiciary is considered an absolute necessity for the peace and progress of the Country, this Assembly recommends to the Government to take early steps to separate the Judiciary from the Executive. | 3rd July, 1952 .. | Withdrawn |
| 2 | Heavy expenditure in Government Departments .. | This Assembly recommends to the Government that a Committee consisting of Members of this House be appointed to examine the causes of heavy expenditure in the majority of Government Departments and to suggest ways and means of reducing the same to a reasonable extent | 17th July, 1952 | .. Lost |
| 3 | Introduction of Compulsory Primary education and opening of more schools in Kangra District | As the District of Kangra was made the centre of military recruitment, it was kept educationally backward by the British Government for their selfish ends; therefore, this Assembly recommends to the Government that compulsory primary education for boys and girls should be introduced in this district and further maximum educational facilities by opening a very large number of schools for ordinary and higher education for boys and girls in this district be given | Ditto .. | Withdrawn |

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| 4 | Arrangements for free supply of canal water for drinking purposes in Fazilka Tehsil | This Assembly recommends to the Government that in the sandy areas of the Fazilka Tehsil where due to the water of wells being brackish, in most of the villages, no arrangements for water fit for human consumption exist, arrangements be made for the free supply of canal water to the village diggies and tanks for the consumption of human beings and animals | Ditto .. | Do |
| 5 | Nationalisation of Transport Services in the State | This Assembly recommends to the Government that the Transport Services in the State used for travelling by the public be immediately nationalised | 24th July, 1952 .. | Do |
| 6 | Reduction in Water Rates in the State to prepartition level | This Assembly recommends to the Government that water rates in the State be reduced to the pre-partition level | 23rd October, 1952 | Lost |
| 7 | Abolition of Upper House .. | This House is of the opinion that the Upper House of this State Legislature serves no useful purpose and is only a financial burden on the people of this State. It, therefore, resolves that it should be abolished | 27th November, 1952 | Do |
| 8 | Adoption of short-term plans to reduce unemployment | This Assembly recommends to the Government that in view of the day-to-day increase in unemployment, the Government should take measures to reduce it speedily by adopting short-term plans | Ditto .. | The resolution was still under discussion when the House adjourned |
| 9 | Remission of land revenue to land-owners holding two standard acres or less area of land | This Assembly recommends to the Government that no land revenue be realised from land-owners in the State holding two standard acres of land or less area of land | 12th March, 1953 | Lost |
| 10 | Abolition of the Punjab Legislative Council | This Assembly resolves that the Punjab Legislative Council be abolished forthwith | 1st October, 1953 | Do |

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| 11 | Appointment of a Judicial Reforms Committee | This Assembly recommends to the Government to appoint a Judicial Reforms Committee consisting of a High Court Judge as its Chairman along with eminent Advocates, Judges, Magistrates and Members of the Legislature as its Members:—<br><br>(i) to examine as a whole the working of system of the administration of Justice in this State with particular reference to :—<br><br>(a) the causes accounting for delay in the disposal of cases and other proceedings ;<br><br>(b) the rules of procedure and other factors which encourage unnecessary litigation and involve the parties in heavy expense ;<br><br>(c) the organization of courts ;<br><br>(ii) to report—<br><br>(a) what reforms are desirable in the present system of administration of justice so as to evolve a system which will secure to the people of this State real justice expeditiously at less expense and without unnecessary litigation ; | 1st October, 1953 | Withdrawn |

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| | | (b) what changes are required in :<br>(i) the law of evidence ;<br>(ii) the law of procedure, civil and criminal ;<br>(iii) the law of limitation ; and<br>(iv) the procedure, generally, and in the rights of appeal, etc., so as to simplify the processes of law and bring justice within the reach of the common man ;<br>(c) whether the system of trial with the aid of assessors should be further extended, limited or eliminated; and if so, in what class or classes of cases ;<br>(d) what steps should be taken to effectively enforce the sanctity of oath in law courts ; and<br>(e) what should be the general set up, powers and functions of the courts, original and appellate and powers of the presiding officers, so as to secure the objects stated in Clause (a). | | |
| 12 | Distribution of all Government waste-land in the State among Harijan Agricultural Labourers *gratis*. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to distribute all Government waste land in the State among Harijan Agricultural Labourers *gratis*. | 1st April 1954 .. | The resolution was still under discussion when the House adjourned. |
| 13 | Amendment to the East Punjab University (Amendment), Act, 1948. | This Assembly recommends to the Government that the East Punjab University (Amendment) Act, 1948, be further amended so as to extend to Shashtris the right to vote at elections to the Punjab University Senate. | 20th May, 1954.. | Withdrawn. |

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 14 | Appointment of Police Re-organisation Committee. | This Assembly recommends to the Government that it should appoint a Police Reorganisation Committee to examine in regard to the Police the present system of recruitment and training, the methods of investigation and prosecution and to suggest measures in the light of changed circumstances by which crime may be promptly dealt with and the evil doer brought to book. | 20th May, 1954.. | The resolution was still under discussion when the House adjourned. |
| 15 | Distribution of all Government Culturable waste land in the State among Harijan Agricultural Labourers and landless peasants *gratis*. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to distribute all Government culturable waste land in the State among Harijan Agricultural labourers and landless peasants *gratis*. | 4th November, 1954. | Lost. |
| 16 | Framing of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business for the Legislative Assembly afresh by the House. | This House resolves that the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Legislative Assembly be framed afresh by this House. | Ditto | The House adjourned while the point of order regarding its admissibility was being discussed. |

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| 17 | Development of Kangra District. | In view of the extreme backwardness of the people of Kangra District, tahsil Una of Hoshiarpur District, Bhiwani Tehsil of Hissar District, Naraingarh Tehsil and other sub-mountainous and backward parts of Ambala District, Jhajjar Tehsil of Rohtak District, Rewari Tehsil and undeveloped parts of Gurgaon District, Kaithal Tehsil of Karnal District, Bet Area in Thana Kanuan, tehsil and district Gurdaspur and Shahpur Kandi, Gurdaspur District, in matters of education, of the lack of adequate drinking water facilities and of suitable means of transport and communications, of proper means of irrigation, of lack of any kind of industry and of their inadequate representation in Government services, this Assembly recommends to the Government that it should itself make funds available, and if necessary approach the Union Government for the purpose, for a proper and planned development of the said areas and it further recommends, that special concessions be granted to the people of these areas in the matters of admissions to all Government or Government-aided institutions and of appointments to services. | 3rd March, 1955. | Carried. |
| 18 | Technical Training in post-primary schools. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to make provision for technical training for different vocations in the Higher Secondary stage of all Secondary Schools in the State. | 24th March, 1955. | Do |
| 19 | Land-owners paying land revenue up to Rs 5. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to exempt such land-owners in the State from the payment of land revenue as are paying five rupees or less than five rupees as land revenue. | Ditto | Do |

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| 20 | Cow breeding area in district Gurgaon. | This Assembly recommends to the Government that with a view to improving the breed of cows the Mewat Area in Gurgaon District be declared as a cow breeding area and that it should provide monetary aid, establish Dairy Farms and Gosadans in that area and award prizes to those who breed best cows. | 29th March, 1956. | Lost. |
| 21 | Distribution of Government waste land among Harijan agriculturists and landless peasants. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to distribute all Government culturable waste land in the State among Harijan agriculturists and landless peasants. | 5th April, 1956. | The resolution was still under discussion when the House adjourned. |
| 22 | Conferring of proprietary rights on occupancy tenants. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to take steps to confer proprietary rights on occupancy tenants of evacuee lands who have been granted permanent occupancy rights in respect of such lands in the manner provided in the Punjab Occupancy Tenants (Vesting of Proprietary Rights) (Amendment) Act of 1955 in respect of other lands. | 23rd August, 1956. | Carried. |

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| 23 | Raising of Government loans through Government Servants. | This Assembly recommends to the Government to put a stop to the method of raising Government Loans and Subscriptions through Government Servants. | 23rd August, 1956. | The resolution was still under discussion when the House adjourned. |

# APPENDIX V

## Official Resolutions discussed in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha during the years 1952—57

| Serial No. | Subject of official Resolution | Date |
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| 1 | (a) Withdrawal of modification made in the draft rules framed under Section 7 of the Cotton Transport Act, 1923.<br><br>(b) Approval of revised list of Railway Stations contained in Schedule II of Section 3 of the Cotton Transport Act, 1923. | 6th October, 1953. |
| 2 | Ratification by the Assembly of the amendment of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India proposed to be made by the Constitution (Third Amendment) Bill, 1954, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament.<br><br>(Re. item 33 of List 3—Concurrent List of Seventh Schedule.) | 2nd November, 1954. |
| 3 | Formation of the Punjab Parliamentary Group of the Punjab State Legislature with such aims and objects as the Speaker of the Punjab Legislative Assembly and the Chairman of the Punjab Legislative Council in consultation with the Chief Minister may determine. | 2nd April, 1954. |
| 4 | Adoption by the State of Punjab, of the Prize Competition Act, 1955, as passed by the Parliament. | 11th April, 1956. |
| 5 | Ratification by the Assembly of the amendments of the Seventh Schedule, Article 269 and Article 286 of the Constitution of India, proposed to be made by the Constitution (Sixth Amendment) Bill, 1956, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament.<br><br>(Re. Inter-State Sales Tax.) | 21st August, 1956. |
| 6 | Ratification by the Assembly of the amendments proposed to be made to the Constitution of India by the Constitution (Seventh Amendment) Bill, 1956, as passed by the two Houses of Parliament.<br><br>(Consequent upon the passage of the States Reorganisation Bill, 1956.) | 3rd October, 1956. |
| 7 | Recommendation for increase in the strength of the Punjab Legislative Council. | 21st March, 1957. |

*Copy of letter No. 7085-B-55/11700, dated the 2nd January, 1956 from Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department to all Heads of Departments etc., in connection with the procedure for dealing with the Reports of the Public Accounts Committee.*

In supersession of the orders contained in Punjab Government letter No. 6670-B-53/7464, dated the 17th September, 1953, on the subject noted above, the following procedure has been laid down for dealing with the reports of the Public Accounts Committee of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, on the Appropriation Accounts of the State Government :—

(a) After the report is presented to the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, copies of the Report will be forwarded by the Secretary, Public Accounts Committee, to the Finance Department and not directly to the Administrative Secretaries.

(b) Finance Department will initiate action on the Report and ask the Heads of Departments to consider the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee, a copy of the letter being endorsed to the Administrative Secretary concerned simultaneously. General recommendations will be dealt with in the Finance Department Branches and orders issued by them.

(c) Heads of Departments shall furnish their comments on the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee to the Administrative Secretary concerned, on receipt of the Report of the Committee.

(d) The Administrative Department will take orders of the Minister concerned and forward their views to the Finance Department.

(e) The Finance Department will offer their comments on the various points raised in the recommendations/ observations of the Public Accounts Committee keeping in view the recommendations of the Administrative Department.

(f) The Administrative Department will then take the case to the Council of Ministers incorporating in the memorandum for the Council the views of the Finance Department. After a decision is taken in the Cabinet, necessary draft reply will be submitted by the Administrative Department for issue to the Secretary, Public Accounts Committee, through the Finance Department, a copy being simultaneously endorsed to the Accountant-General, Punjab.

(g) Where the Administrative Department propose to accept the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee involving no financial implication, the case may be shown to the Minister concerned only and need not be referred to the Finance Department or to the Council of Ministers. A draft reply containing the final decision taken should, however, be sent by the Administrative Department to the Finance Department for issue through them to the Secretary, Public Accounts Committee, and the Accountant-General, Punjab.

(h) Cases involving disciplinary action and financial and other irregularities should be placed before the Council of Ministers under the orders of the Minister concerned even though the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee is proposed to be accepted.

(i) The Secretary , Public Accounts Committee, will prepare a statement showing the action taken on the report of the Committee and lay it before the Public Accounts Committee. Further comments of the Public Accounts Committee, if any, will be communicated to the Finance Department for necessary action.

(j) Any comments which the Accountant-General, Punjab, may have to make on the action taken will be communicated to the Secretary, Public Accounts Committee, a copy being simultaneously endorsed to the Finance Department for their information.

(k) The Finance Department will maintain a list of outstanding recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee and periodically remind the Department concerned. A quarterly report will be furnished to the Finance Department by the Heads of Departments / Administrative Secretaries about the implementation of the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee and the Finance Department will intimate quarterly to the Committee the action taken or proposed to be taken on the recommendations/ observations of the Committee. Every effort should be made to expedite the action on the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee and this work should be treated, as a general rule, on 'top-priority' basis.

2. I am to request that this procedure should be brought to the notice of all concerned for being followed hereafter.

*Copy of letter No.* 5657-*B*-56/38, *dated the* 3*rd January*, 1957, *from the Secretary to Government, Punjab, Finance Department, to all Heads of Departments, etc., in connection with the procedure for dealing with the reports of the Estimates Committee on the Budget Estimates.*

IN supersession of the orders contained in Punjab Government Finance Department letter No. 1851-B-55/3482, dated the 26th April, 1955, on the subject noted above, I am directed to state that the following procedure has been laid down for dealing with the reports of the Estimates Committee on the Budget Estimates:—

(a) After the Report is presented to the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, copies of the Report will be forwarded by the Secretary, Estimates Committee to the Finance Department and not directly to the Administrative Secretaries.

(b) Finance Department will initiate action on the Report and ask the Heads of Departments to consider the recommendations of the Estimates Committee, a copy of the communication being endorsed to the Administrative Secretary concerned simultaneously. General recommendations will be dealt with in the Finance Department Branches and orders issued by them.

(c) Heads of Departments shall furnish their comments on the recommendations of the Estimates Committee to the Administrative Secretaries concerned on receipt of the report of the Committee.

(d) The Administrative Department will take the orders of the Minister concerned and forward their views to the Finance Department.

(e) The Finance Department will offer their comments on the various points raised in the report of the Estimates Committee, keeping in view the recommendations of the Administrative Department.

(f) The Administrative Department will then take the case to the Council of Ministers incorporating in the memorandum for the Cabinet the views of the Finance Department. After a decision is taken in the Cabinet, a suitable reply will be sent by the Administrative Department to the Secretary, Estimates Committee, copy being endorsed to the Finance Department.

(g) Where the Administrative Department proposes to accept the recommendations of the Estimates Committee involving no financial implication, the case may be shown to the Minister concerned only and need not be referred to the Finance Department or to the Council of Ministers. A suitable reply containing the final decision taken will, however, be sent by the Administrative Department to the Secretary, Estimates Committee with a copy to the Finance Department.

(h) The Secretary, Estimates Committee will prepare a statement showing the action taken on the report of the Committee and lay it before the Estimates Committee. Further comments of the Estimates Committee, if any, will be communicated to the Finance Department, for necessary action.

(i) The Finance Department will maintain a list of outstanding recommendations of the Estimates Committee and periodically remind the Departments concerned. A qurterly report (in triplicate) as per *pro forma* attached, will be furnished by the Heads of Departments/Administrative Secretaries so as to reach the Finance Department by the 15th April, 15th July, 15th October, and 15th January and the Finance Department will intimate quarterly to the Committee the action taken or proposed to be taken on the recommendations/observations of the Committee.

(j) Every effort should be made to expedite the action on the recommendations of the Estimates Committee and this work should be treated, as a general rule, on " top priority " basis.

***Pro forma* as referred to in the procedure,—*vide* item (I)**

***Report of the Estimates Committee on the Budget Estimates for the year* ——————**

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